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File photo of Indian Navy's MARCOS conducting a drill in the Arabian Sea

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NAVY DEPLOYS MARINE COMMANDOS IN LADAKH

The Marine Commandos (MARCOS) have been deployed at Pangong lake area in eastern Ladakh amid tensions with China

TO ENHANCE INTEGRATION OF THREE SERVICES

Air Force's Garud operatives and Army's Para Special Forces have been in eastern Ladakh since the June clash in the Galwan Valley. With the deployment of MARCOS, the government hopes to enhance the integration of the three services, according to reports. Besides, the Marine Commandos will also get exposure to extreme cold weather conditions

WILL CONDUCT OPS IN PANGONG LAKE

- India has boosted its special force presence along the Line of Actual Control since the June 15 clash
- In August, India used special forces to take control of a key piece of strategic land near Pangong lake's southern bank
- The MARCOS is expected to conduct operations in Pangong lake

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SHAH STEPS IN TO QUELL FARMERS' IRE

Says Centre ready to hold early talks as soon as they vacate roads

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UNION Home Minister Amit Shah on Saturday said the government was ready to hold talks with the agitating farmers even before December 3 if they vacated the roads and national highways and moved to the Nirankari Ground in Burari, north Delhi.

"The government is ready to deliberate on every problem and demand of the farmers," Shah said in a video message released in the evening. "If farmers' unions want to hold discussions before December 3, then I want to assure you all that as soon as you shift your protest to the structured place, the government will hold talks to address your concerns the very next day." Shah said the government had made all the arrangements for the farmers at the designated ground.

But, the farmers turned down Shah's offer to go to Burari, with BKU (Ekta-Ugrahan) president Joginder Singh Ugrahan saying the protest will continue "till our demands are met". P9

Farmers from Punjab and Haryana shouting slogans against the Centre during their 'Delhi Chalo' march at Singhu Border in New Delhi on Saturday | SHEKHAR YADAV

Police book youth who turned off water cannon for attempt to murder

HARPREET BAJWA @Chandigarh

NAVDEEP Singh, a young farmer from Ambala who flung himself from his moving tractor trolley towards a police vehicle to turn off the water cannon, has been booked by the Haryana Police on charges of attempt to murder, rioting and violation of Coivd-19 norms.

The incident happened near the grain market at Ambala Cantonment on NH-44 on November 25 during the farmers' march towards Delhi.

The Haryana Police have booked Singh as well as Bharatiya Kisan Union Haryana president Gurnam Singh Chaduni for allegedly breaking police barricades and trying to run the police personnel over.

The police on Friday registered two cases against unidentified protesters for rioting, obstructing public servants from performing duty and assault.

Modi takes 3-city tour to review vaccine progress

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PRIME Minister Narendra Modi on Saturday undertook a whirlwind trip to Ahmedabad, Hyderabad and Pune for reviewing the Covid vaccine development and manufacturing process by Zydus Cadila, Bharat Biotech and Serum Institute of India.

At each of the three facilities, the PM spent over an hour each, took a tour of the facilities, met top executives and interacted with scientists to understand the trial status, issues and challenges being faced in development of the vaccines.

He also asked scientists for their opinion on how the country could further improve its regulatory process and sought their suggestions to improve the process of vaccine distribution.

While the indigenously developed vaccine Covaxin by Bharat Biotech, in collaboration with the ICMR, is undergoing phase 3 testing, another developed by Zydus Cadila is now in the second stage of human trials. P9

Prime Minister Narendra Modi tours Zydus Biotech Park in Ahmedabad | PIB

DDC ELECTIONS

Art 370 weighs heavy in 1st J&K poll since split

FAYAZ WANI @Srinagar

BRAVING winter chill and the Covid-19 threat, 51.7% voters in Jammu and Kashmir cast their vote in the first phase of the eight-phase District Development Council elections, the first electoral exercise in J&K after the dilution of Article 370 of the Constitution last year.

The turnout was an improvement from the 2019 Lok Sabha polls, when 45% voters exercised their franchise. The improvement was more marked in the Kashmir Valley, where the turnout was 40.65%. In 2019, it was 18.8 pc. P10

Tiger, leopard nails, animal skins seized in major haul

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A major wildlife haul was unearthed by the Bengaluru south division police on Saturday with the seizure of 400 leopard nails, six tiger nails, one female Black Buck skin, one jackal skin with head and seven pangolin nails. The police also seized two jungle cat paws and three sloth bear claws, and have arrested four poachers. They now plan to go after the buyers also.

The seized items have been verified as genuine by the Forest Department. Officials of the forest and police departments are now tracking records on wild animal deaths in Karnataka and neighbouring states.

According to police, searches were conducted in South Bengaluru as many jewellery stores were eager to buy animal parts. P5

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Political twist to suicide bid by CM's secretary

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THE suicide bid by Chief Minister's political secretary N R Santhosh has taken a political turn with the Congress alleging that he was under some kind of pressure, and demanded a detailed probe. However, the BJP termed it as an attempt to politicise the issue and tarnish the party's image.

Santhosh, meanwhile, is recovering in hospital. "He may be discharged from hospital in a day or two," said Dr Naresh Shetty, president, MS Ramaiah hospital. CM B S Yediyurappa had visited the hospital on Friday night. P5

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PICS: MEGHANA SASTRY

ON HER TOES, TEACHING BALLET

For Yana Lewis, who made Bengaluru her home, this is a way of life

FOCUS ON STRENGTH
Ballet is used all over the world across different professions – ice skaters, rugby players, footballers, gymnasts and more for strengthening their feet, ankles and other muscles

MEGHANA SASTRY @Bengaluru

AS you enter The Lewis Foundation of Classical Ballet in Bengaluru, you will find little girls learning the basic postures, slightly older girls trying to balance on their toes, glide across the platform and bend their bodies.

And the person teaching them is Yana Lewis, a ballet teacher of four decades, whose goal is to teach this graceful dance to Indian children while understanding the Indian ethos. India doesn't have a national academy and Yana is working towards creating The National Ballet of India.

Barbie is a symbol of ballet for children in India. There are so many versions like the Barbie and the Swan Lake and Barbie and The Twelve Dancing Princesses, which popularised ballet here. For lots of girls, the "pretty dress" is their inspiration to learn the dance form. But Yana Lewis has changed this perception. Her ballet school, started in March 2006 in Bengaluru, laid the foundation for classical ballet here.

Yoga brought Yana to India. Despite having a ballet school back home in the UK, she said it was soulless. She connected with India spiritually, and made it her home 22 years ago. Yana has an RSA in anatomy and physiology which helps her integrate Indian classical forms with ballet.

She took some time off to travel the country to understand the culture and settled in Bengaluru which she was always drawn to for the space, trees and people.

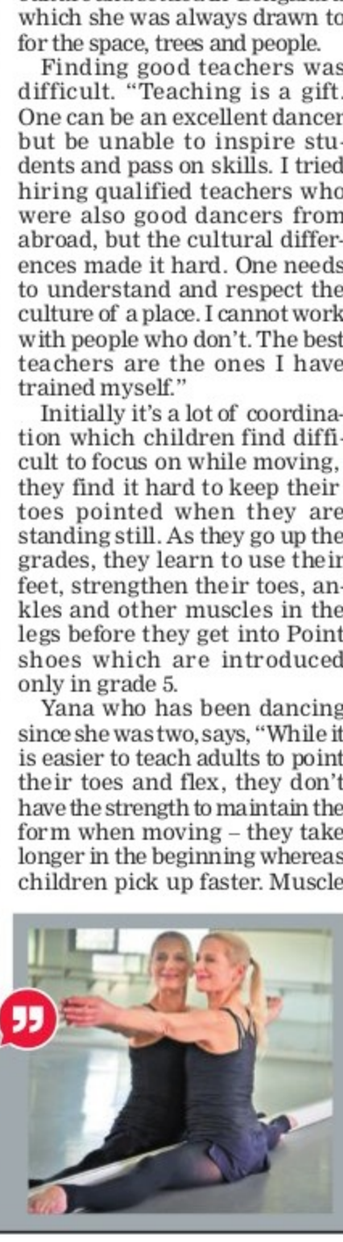
Finding good teachers was difficult. "Teaching is a gift. One can be an excellent dancer but be unable to inspire students and pass on skills. I tried hiring qualified teachers who were also good dancers from abroad, but the cultural differences made it hard. One needs to understand and respect the culture of a place. I cannot work with people who don't. The best teachers are the ones I have trained myself."

Initially it's a lot of coordination which children find difficult to focus on while moving, they find it hard to keep their toes pointed when they are standing still. As they go up the grades, they learn to use their feet, strengthen their toes, ankles and other muscles in the legs before they get into Point shoes which are introduced only in grade 5.

Yana who has been dancing since she was two, says, "While it is easier to teach adults to point their toes and flex, they don't have the strength to maintain the form when moving – they take longer in the beginning whereas children pick up faster. Muscle control comes to kids as they grow. Adults have built muscles from all kinds of things they have done in their lives, which are not necessarily the right muscles for ballet."

It is a misnomer that ballet is only for girls. People look at the cute tutus and connect it with Barbie, and say "it's only for girls". It's not just about being able to lift dancers gracefully that makes boys eligible for ballet, the gender itself is an integral part of the dance form.

On challenges she says, just like yoga, ballet has classes mushrooming everywhere. It takes years of training to perfect the form and people take a two-month course, and decide to open their own studio. On her students' future, Yana says in a country like India where it was unthinkable for parents to let their children consider the arts as a career option, people are slowly opening up to the idea.



My teachers and I wake up as early as 4am and practise every day. While I am a vegan by choice, I do not impose any dietary restrictions on my students. I just tell the parents to avoid giving their children food that take longer to digest. — Yana Lewis

SOCIAL CAUSE
Yana also works with children from marginalised communities. She and her teachers work with Parikrma students who love this programme, and Born Free, an organisation which rescues children from child labour

THESE OLD TREASURES BRING PAST INTO THE PRESENT

DIVYA CUTINHO @Mangaluru

AN old-fashioned telephone, about 80 years old, an iron, various kinds of clocks and watches, cameras and other such articles are neatly arranged in one room. In another room, you have old gramophones, tape recorders, typewriters, a harmonium and other musical instruments. And in the third, agricultural implements, over 100 years old. All tell a story, reflecting their times.

Welcome to St Antony's Home Museum, set up at St Antony Ashram at Jeppu, which cares for orphans.

Set up in September, it has over 5,000 rare artefacts – from old telephone sets and clocks, musical instruments, cameras, type-writers, decorative objects, lanterns, paper products to domestic and agricultural utensils.

The museum was the idea of Fr Onil D'souza, director of St Antony Ashram. Fr Onil told *The New Sunday Express* that the house in which it is located was built about hundred years ago. "The building also looks like a heritage house and the idea of setting up a museum was conceived seven years ago when I took charge as director of the Ashram. John Tauro decided to move his collection of these artefacts due to lack of space at his residence. Many people from the city are also coming forward to contribute such antiques to the Ashram museum," he says.

Fr Onil says that in the second phase, the Ashram will add objects of religious importance. "Earlier, the Ashram used to get many visitors including students from various schools on a daily basis. However, due to Covid-19, the number has decreased. Once the situation returns to normal, we are expecting more visitors," he says.

It is John Tauro, in his seventies, a retired civil aviation technical supervisor, who has donated this lifelong collection to St Antony Ashram. Tauro's museum at his house at Shiva Bagh has been Mangaluru's pride. He had collected some of the artefacts during his visits to Europe. The farm implements were given by his grandfather.

Tauro worked in Kuwait for 35 years (1970-2005). It was during this time he could travel to more than 40 countries. Whenever he visited a country, he made sure to purchase some rare artefacts. Among all the collections, the watch is the oldest.

He purchased the old-fashioned telephone boxes in China, the UK, USA, Australia and Japan. A wooden radio, traditional wooden, brass and copper articles of the coastal region that he got from his grandfather are some of his favourites.

In addition, the museum has an entire set of the Encyclopaedia Britannica and the National Geographic that he purchased in Kuwait. "Travelling is my passion and my aim is to collect as many rare items as possible and preserve them for future generations," he says.

Somashekar B K, former assistant director, Tourism department, Dakshina Kannada, says that there is a need to preserve these objects of artistic, cultural and historical relevance. "Tourists visiting the coastal region will benefit from this unique museum," he says.

Various objects displayed at the museum

The building itself looks like a heritage site, which also attracts visitors. The idea to set up a museum was born seven years ago when I took charge as director
— Fr Onil D'souza, Director, St Antony Ashram

EXPRESS READ

After protests, RGUHS postpones exams

Bengaluru: Following objections from students, Rajiv Gandhi University of Health Sciences (RGUHS) has postponed all exams for the medical department. First-year exams have been postponed till February, while second and third-year exams have been pushed by two months. Varsity registrar (evaluation) N Ramakrishna Reddy announced this on Saturday. Exams were earlier scheduled for January, leaving students little time to prepare. Students had protested against the administration's decision as exams were schedule just a month and a half after colleges opened. **ENS**

A praying mantis at the Insectarium

Bugs join butterflies at new insectarium in Bannerghatta

BOSKY KHANNA @Bengaluru

ONE of the most popular attractions in Bengaluru, the Butterfly Park at Bannerghatta Biological Park, will soon get more wings. The zoo management is now working on creating an insectarium, which will offer visitors an opportunity to learn more about insects.

By January, visitors will be able to not just experience butterflies fluttering around, but also look at the lifecycle of species such as moths, centipedes and millipedes. But these species will be visible in a closed environment, rather than a dome-like structure housing the butterflies. Just like butterflies, the insects too are being bred in closed habitats to ensure their safety and to let them adjust to their new home. The species being housed at the butterfly park are those found in Bannerghatta National Park itself.

BBP Executive Director Vanashri Vipin Singh told *TNSE* that they are breeding moths, mantises, centipedes, millipedes and even scorpions. A separate space is being created in the museum area for the insectarium. A separate dark, environment is being created for nocturnal moths.

Butterfly park staff said that they have introduced Oleander Hawk Moth, Grass Mantis, Ootheca Mantis, Praying Mantis and Death's-Head Hawkmoth. "The lifecycle of moths, centipedes, millipedes and scorpions has caught the attention of many visitors, especially children. For instance, female scorpions carry their young on their back, which gradually eat up their mother for survival, which is an interesting learning for children," an official said.

"We are also introducing Common Evening Brown Butterfly, which lays eggs in grass, and is active after 3 pm, along with the Common Bush Brown Butterfly, which eats fruits, rather than on nectar from flowers," another official added.

A scorpion carrying its offspring; (right) a display of moths

Covid effect: For the first time in 480 years, Kadalekai Parishe to be restricted fair

ASHWINI M SRIPAD @Bengaluru

ONE of the oldest and most popular festivals of Bengaluru, the annual Kadalekai Parishe (groundnut mela) at Basavanagudi, will not be held for the first time this year due to the pandemic. The fair, which boasts of over 480 years of history, will be restricted to the Bull Temple premises and no stalls will be put up on Basavanagudu Main Road.

The Parishe is celebrated on the last Monday of Karthika Masa (December 14 this year) every year and is visited by over six lakh people, buying groundnuts from around 600 farmers and vendors. Of over 2,500 stalls, many also sell food, toys, and clothes.

Almost 100 years ago, Basavanagudi was surrounded by Guttahalli, Mavalli, Dasarahalli and other villages, where groundnut was grown abundantly. Legend has it that a bull would arrive on every full moon night and eat the groundnut. Farmers then prayed to Nandi (Lord Shiva's vehicle) and pledged to donate their first crop. In 1537, Bengaluru founder Kempegowda constructed the temple for Dodda Basava where Basavanagudi stands now. Since then, farmers from surrounding villages, and even Tamil Nadu, started coming each year to offer their annual produce.

But this year, BBMP and state endowments department have decided not to hold the festival as it could trigger a spike in Covid cases. Basavanagudi MLA Ravi Subramanya told The New Sunday Express that the, Kadalekai Parishe will not be organised as before. "Lakhs of people visit the Parishe, which means that they are risking their lives and also others. There is a danger of them carrying the virus back home. The health and safety of local people too should be considered," he said.

Officials will appeal to people through media, not to visit the Parishe. "People start gathering in before the festival and stay here for some days after wards. We will depute BBMP and police personnel so that if any vendors come to set up stalls, they will be vacated" the MLA said. He, however, reiterated that the ritual will continue as usual, but will be restricted to the Dodda Ganapati and Dodda Basava temples.

Expert: Train Asha workers in mental health

'Foundation skills can be imparted to community staff through digital media'

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WHILE there has been much talk on the impact of Covid-19 on mental health, experts say that it is better to take action through community health workers, instead of waiting for India-specific impact data.

There is a need to use frontline workers – Asha and Anganwadi staff – and train them on foundation skills to deal with mental health issues through digital media, said Dr Vikram Patel, professor of global health and population at Harvard TH Chan School of Public Health, on Saturday.

"Our greatest assets are community health workers. If we look at the Covid-19 response, what really is going to save India is its frontline workers. The idea of the community health worker is being exported. The more we acknowledge them, the more we compensate them, the greater will be our health care's success stories," he said, delivering the Dr Samuel Paul Memorial Lecture on "Reimagining mental health care in the shadow of the pandemic".

Dr Patel said that Goa-based NGO Sangath, which he co-founded, is running a training programme on these lines and a similar one is being transplanted in the US.

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>
> Dr Vikram Patel, professor

Emphasising that there should be no excuse to not invest in public health care, he said that the need of the hour is to reform existing mental health institutions so that they are like "hospitals and not prisons", and adopt a rights-based approach. There is a need to regulate both private and public health care systems and monitor their quality.

On the way forward, he said people need to be aware of mental health issues and acknowledge that it is "ok to be not ok". Once people are aware, they should seek help from, be it from family or friends. Also, people could use techniques of meditation to refocus attention to the internal world to help deal with anxiety. When anxiety doesn't subside even after two weeks, it's important "to seek help from a professional. It is mostly women and youngsters who need help during now. They need to be insulated from uncertainty," he said.

On handling work place stress, he said, Sangath and Aarogya World website have guidelines on their portal.

Enforce rules strictly in containment zones, Chief Secy tells local bodies

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CHIEF Secretary T M Vijay Bhaskar on Friday issued an order directing all city corporations and district administrations to ensure that guidelines for containment zones and surveillance are enforced till extended to December 31.

The order urges all local administrations to follow guidelines in containment zones. All activities are now permitted outside containment zones, except those for which certain restrictions have been issued.

Activities to which restrictions apply include international air travel, cinema halls and theatres which can function at half capacity, swimming pools which will be open only to athletes, exhibition halls to be open only for business to business purposes. Halls will function at half capacity for educational, cultural and religious gatherings, with a maximum of 200 people in closed spaces. However, based on their assessment of the situation, local authorities may limit the total number of people in a gathering in closed spaces to 100.

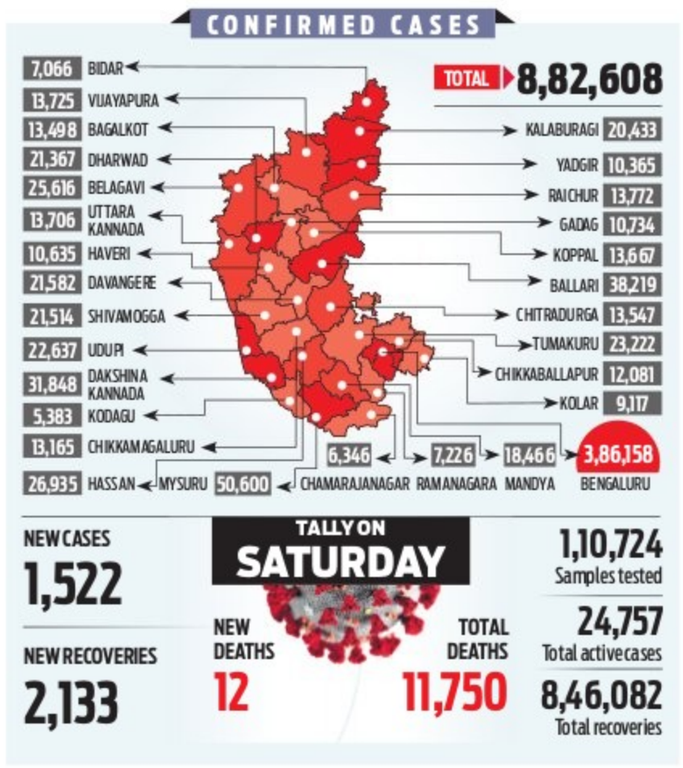
District authorities cannot impose lockdowns outside containment zones without consulting with state and central governments.

Local administrations must also ensure physical distancing in offices. The Department of Personnel and Administrative Services shall issue guidelines on implementing staggered office timings and other suitable measures in places where the positivity rate is over 10%.

People over the age of 65, those with comorbidities, children below the age of 10, and pregnant women are advised to stay at home except for essential and health services.

Organisations and businesses with 50 or more employees are encouraged to avail of Aarogya Setu Open Api Services (https//:openapi.aarogyasetu.gov.in/). Open API feature will facilitate organisations' and employees' to return to work in a Covid19 risk-free environment.

Local bodies can invoke Section 144 of the Criminal Procedures Code enforce to physical distancing.



EXPRESS READ

No Covid deaths reported in 25 dists on Saturday

BENGALURU: While the state's daily positivity rate stood at 1.3% in the last 24 hours, it saw 1,522 new Covid cases of which 719 were from Bengaluru. The daily fatality rate was less than 1% and the number of deaths were only 12, including seven from Bengaluru. Meanwhile, on a positive note, no Covid fatalities were reported from 25 districts in the state. Of the 12 victims, two patients had no comorbidities. **ENS**

Govt told to strengthen PHCs, vaccine infrastructure

CHETANA BELAGERE @Bengaluru

ALTHOUGH preparations for immunisation against Covid-19 are on, public health experts say that the state government needs to focus not just on cold chain infrastructure, but also strengthen primary health centres.

"We will need strong primary health centres, sub-centres, and trained health workers. This is where urgent investment is required. It is not just cold storage units," explained a senior public health expert.

Dr Giridhara R Babu, senior epidemiologist and public health expert, told TNSE it is important that the state reviews and updates the micro plans to carry out vaccination programs.

"Reviewing and updating the micro plans used for supplementary immunization activity is useful," he said. Public health experts say that training and reorienting the staff for immunisation is necessary in both rural and urban areas.

A medical worker in a PPE suit takes a break at Majestic Bus Stand | ASHISHKRISHNA HP

However, Health and Medical Education Minister Dr K Sudhakar's office said that the human resources for delivering the vaccine are sufficient and ready. "PG students, medical college faculty, public health care workers are being trained for the vaccine programme. There are many other strategies too being chalked out for smooth implementation of the immunisation programme," a health department officials said.

Dr Babu said the state needs to prepare a revised list of elderly people and those with comorbidities and reach out to them.

While the focus on tackling the pandemic has mostly been on the development of vaccines, experts say medical essentials to administer them are also vital. The is a need to urgently increase the capacity to manufacture medical ancillary items that will be required, including needles, syringes, cotton-swabs, PPE kits, etc, they said.

Hindustan Syringes – one of the world's largest manufacturers of syringes – said in September that it is increasing the output of auto-disable devices (which prevent re-use) from 700 million a year to one billion by 2021 to meet the expected demand. "Even if 60% of the world's population is immunised, it would require four to five billion syringes," Hindustan Syringes Managing Director Rajiv Nath had said.

The state government is also working on procurement and manufacture of the medical ancillary items and will announce the details soon, sources said.

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Branch: Sanjaynagar Branch (1).Mr Jagadisha J, Thimmamma, Nanjunda J No 178/A,Masjid Road, Aswathnagar,RMV II Stage, Bangalore 560094	1)Rs. 4,06,700/- Plus further Interest & Charges from 27.11.2020 till date of realization in full. 2)Reserve Price: Rs. 92.52 lakhs and EMD: Rs.9,25,200/-	1)24.12.2020 Before 4 P.M 2)Ac No.2699295000001 3)CNRB0002699 4)Rs.25,000/-	1) 30.12.2020 2) 11.00 AM to 04.00 PM 3) 15.12.2020 to 28.12.2020 10.00 AM to 2.00 PM.
Description of Property- No 178A Assessment No 39/4 Khata No 378A Geddalahalli Village Kasaba Hobli Bangalore North Taluk, North by : Site No 178, South by : Remaining Property, East by : Road , West by : Remaining Property.			
Branch: Sonnappanahalli Branch (2).(a)Suresh S/o Doddamunjishamappa, No 103 Maranayakanahalli Chikkajala Bangalore North 562157 And (b).Madhu Suresh S O Suresh No 103 Maranayakanahalli Chikkajala Bangalore North 562157.	1)Rs. 5.26 lakhs plus further interest and cost from 01.11.2020 till date of realization in full. 2)Rs.17.56 lacs EMD-Rs.1.75 lacs	1)28.12.2020 Before 5 P.M 2)Ac No.06943100000017 3) SYNB0000694 4) Rs.10,000/-	1) 30.12.2020 2) 11.00 AM to 04.00 PM 3) 15.12.2020 to 28.12.2020 03.00 PM to 5.00 PM.
Description of Property- All that piece and parcel of the site formed in the land bearing Sy. No 26 situated at Maranayakanahalli Village, Jala hobli, Bangalore North Taluq, comes under the Administrative jurisdiction of Maranayakanahalli Gram panchayat, Bangalore north Taluq, Gram panchayat khata No 229/229, Electronic Khata No 15020023100800247, Area : 500sqft, Measuring East to West : 28 feet, North to South : 20 feet, Boundaries: North : Government land, South : Property belonging to Sri. Narayanaswamy, East : Government land, West: Road.			
Branch: Sonnappanahalli Branch (3). (a)Ramakka W/o Munivenkataramappa, Borrower, No 469 Sonnappanahalli Bettahalasuru Bangalore North 562157 (b). K E Narasimha Murthy, Guarantor, No 469 Sonnappanahalli Bettahalasuru Post Bangalore North Bangalore 562157	1) Rs. 4.89 lakhs as on 31.10.2020 plus further interest and cost from 01.11.2020 2) Rs.26.10 lacs EMD : Rs 2.61 lacs	1)28.12.2020 Before 5 P.M 2)Ac No.06943100000017 3) SYNB0000694 4) Rs.25,000/-	1) 30.12.2020 2) 11.00 AM to 04.00 PM 3) 15.12.2020 to 28.12.2020 03.00 PM to 5.00 PM.
Description of Property- Property Sy. No. 10, Katha No 635/527/159, Shakti Nagar, Sonnappanahalli Village, Jala Hobli, Banaglore North(Apara) Taluk 562157. The property is situated 20 Mtr distance from Navneeth motors, BMW to Bilmarenahalli main road about 700 mtr from Navnith motors/Vidyanagar cross/Bangalore-Airport main road about 26 kms from Banaglore. Area : 800sqft. Boundaries: North : Residential Building, South : remaining portion of Sy no 1(Residential building), East : 20 feet, West : Residential Building.			
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Description of Property- No .145 (old katha no 49/3) Charles Campbell Coxtown Bengaluru 560005 . 40- 50.5 sq ft total 2020 sq ft GF & FF duplex house 3BHK			
Branch: Vivekananda Nagar Bengaluru Branch (5). (1).M/s Justrans Global Logistics No 91/1 1st Floor Britto Building ORC Road Austin Town Bengalur 560047 (2).Sri Gopi Kanakaraj s/o sri. Kanakaraj No 28 , 2nd Floor Castle Street , Ashok Nagar Bengaluru 560025. (3).Mrs. Gladies Jayanthi w/o sri.Nagalingam No 6/1 Murugesh Mudaliar Street Akkithimmanahalli Shanthinagar Bengaluru 560027	1)Rs. 88.06 lakhs as on 31.10.2020 plus further interest from 01.11.2020 till date of realization in full. 2)Reserve Price: Rs.35.77 lacs EMD- Rs 3.58 lacs	1)28.12.2020 Before 5 P.M 2)Ac No.1702295000001 3) CNRB0001702 4) Rs.50,000/-	1) 30.12.2020 2) 11.00 AM to 04.00 PM 3) 15.12.2020 to 28.12.2020 03.00 PM to 5.00 PM.
Description Of Property- Municipal Katha No 6/1 Pid No 70-33-6/1 Old No 6 Eastern Portion Murugesh Mudaliar Street , Akkithimmanahalli Shanthinagar Bengaluru 560027—owners Name Mrs. Gladies Jayanthi Residential Duplex House Having Gf & Ff 2bhk Total –430 Sq , Ft . Total Built Up Area—770 Sq Ft			

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Property Description : Vellore District, Vellore Registration district, Vellore Sub District, Vellore Taluk, Vellore Town, Town S.No.1414, south Vellore town, Revenue Ward No.4, Municipal Ward Old No.11, New No.Kosaper, Avalkara Street, on the western side now, Old Door No.88, New Door No.18, The RCC roofed and Madras Terraced and Tiled building constructed thereon. **Boundaries :** East by the Avalakara Street; West by the House of Balasundaram ; North by the House in Door No.89 purchased by A.Balasundarm; South by the Building in Door No.87. In this midst the site measuring East to West including Western side wall 75 ¼ feet, North to South including both side walls Eastern side 24 feet, Western side 23 ½ feet totaling 1,787 sq.ft.
Schedule - B : Property Owned by Mrs. M Usha Nandhini W/o. M Manoharan and Mr. M Manoharan S/o. Maruthaippan
Property Description: All that piece and parcel of the property bearing vacant site No.11, Khatha No.116/1 B, situated at Munekolala Village, Varthur Hobli, Bangalore East Taluk, previously Mahadevapura CMC Limits, Now comes under BBMP limits, measuring East to West 30 feet, North to South 40 ft in all totally measuring 1,200 sq.ft. **Boundaries :** East by : Site No.12, West by : Site No.10, North by : Private Property , South by : Road
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Chief Secretary T M Vijay Bhaskar on Friday issued an order directing all city corporations and district administrations to ensure that guidelines for containment zones are enforced till the end of the year.

SUNDAY INTERVIEW

'CASTE WON'T PLAY A ROLE IN BYPOLLS, WE'VE BEGUN WORK'

BANSY KALAPPA @Bengaluru

SINCE D K Shivakumar took over as Karnataka Pradesh Congress Committee president in March this year, the party has lost the Assembly bypolls in Rajarajeshwari Nagar and Sira. Being a leader from the Vokkaliga community, he was expected to deliver both the constituencies, situated in South Karnataka and dominated by voters from the community. After the facile losses, the party now faces a new, steeper challenge in the Assembly bypolls to Maski and Basavkalyan, which are in North Karnataka and have a sizeable Lingayat population. Making it tougher for Congress, Chief Minister B S Yediyurappa's has announced the Veerashaiva-Lingayat Development Board and is planning an OBC tag for Lingayats. Shivakumar spoke to *The New Sunday Express* on the bypolls and more during an interview. Here are the excerpts.

Party principles, programmes, candidates and many other factors will play a role during elections. We have already started working at Maski and Basavakalyan constituencies

DK Shivakumar, KPCC President

Chief Minister B S Yediyurappa has announced the Veerashaiva-Lingayat Development Board and is planning an OBC tag for Lingayats. How do you respond?

I don't want to respond to this as an individual. However, the Congress will hold a meeting to discuss different issues, including this, on November 30 and respond collectively as a party.

You lost both the bypolls in the Vokkaliga strongholds of RR Nagar and Sira.

Sira has about 40 per cent of Vokkaliga population and RRNagar around 25 per cent. But I don't believe that caste was a factor in the elections. We have introspected on these losses and we will do it again on November 30.

In 2018, both Maski and Basavakalyan were with Congress. Can you retain the seats, considering that the Lingayat population is over 55,000 in both constituencies?

The caste factor will not work in these by-elections, and I don't believe in caste. Party principles, programmes, candidates and many other factors will play a role during elections. We have already started working at Maski and Basavakalyan constituencies.

The KPCC has not been reconstituted in the last ten years. Are you going to reconstitute it?

From the time I took over in March, Covid-19 has been an issue. I am visiting different places and meeting party workers and leaders to understand the ground situation. Once I get a sense, I will take up the issue of reconstituting KPCC.

There has been a talk of employing brand consultants and managers to help Congress in Karnataka. What do you say?

Nowadays brand consultants and experts are available to decide on many issues. They tell you what dress to wear, how to organise the party, how to list out the priorities in programmes and many other issues. We have also heard of event managers who can effectively organise events and even organisations. If such suggestions are made in the party, I am open to it.

Congress has been very strong at the grassroots, and Gram panchayat elections are around the corner. What are the preparations being made by Congress?

If anyone wants to be a leader, he has to start with gram panchayat elections. I have started working and I am in Uttar Kannada now, on a tour holding meetings with party workers.

'Rebel' ministers to meet central leaders

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
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AS uncertainty continues over the much-awaited cabinet expansion, new entrants into the BJP who were made ministers after the 2019 bypolls have decided to meet Chief Minister B S Yediyurappa and party central leadership to demand ministerial berths to other members of the group that helped the party form the government in the state last year.

During a dinner meeting in Bengaluru on Friday night, the ministers are said to have discussed the delay in cabinet expansion and decided to put up a united front to ensure that all those who resigned from Assembly membership last year to join the BJP are made ministers. "We have decided to meet the CM and also central leaders in Delhi after December 5," said a leader who attended the meeting. "It was an informal get-together to discuss political developments. It was not against the CM or the party," clarified the leader.

A 2019 picture of the 17 rebel MLAs who jumped ship from Congress to BJP

Ministers B C Patil, S T Somashekar, Shivaram Hebbar, Byrati Basavaraj and others said to have attended the meeting. Sources said that the ministers concluded that the government should keep its promise of giving cabinet berths to all the new entrants. While 10 of them were made ministers after the bypolls last year, N Munirathna, who won from RR Nagar in Bengaluru with a big margin during the recent bypoll, and MLCs MTB Nagaraj, R Shankar and Vishwanath are all ministerial aspirants.

Water Resources Minister Ramesh Jarkiholi projecting himself as the head of the group and pitching for ministerial berths for these aspirants seem not to have gone down well with the group. They have decided to meet the central leaders and the CM themselves to take up the case on behalf of other members of the group.

Report from commission a must for OBC tag, says Siddaramaiah

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OPPOSITION leader Siddaramaiah on Saturday said the state government cannot go ahead with its plans on recommending the OBC tag to the Veerashaiva-Lingayat community without seeking a report from the Karnataka State Permanent Backward Classes Commission. The government seems to have not taken the Commission seriously, he said.

Whoever is socially backward, should be given the OBC tag, for which a study is required

Siddaramaiah, senior Congress leader

Speaking to reporters in the city, Siddaramaiah said one should not forget that there is a Backward Classes Commission in Karnataka, and that any decision on addition or deletion of castes from the OBC category has to only be taken after getting a report from the Commission. The Commission will conduct a study and submit its report, he said.

The former CM said he is neither for nor against the inclusion of Veerashaiva-Lingayat in the OBC category. "Whoever is socially backward, should be given the OBC tag, for which a study is required," he said.

When asked about the Karnataka government deferring the matter at the last minute, Siddaramaiah said the government must have done so as the BJP high command might have not agreed with Chief Minister Yediyurappa.

EXPRESS READ

Ticket only to Hindu candidate: Eshwarappa

BELAGAVI: "The BJP will not give a ticket to a Muslim candidate in the Belagavi bypolls," said Rural Revelopment and Panchayat Raj Minister KS Eswarappa. He said as Hindu's are in majority in Belagavi constiency, the question of giving a ticket to a Muslim candidate does not arise. Speaking to reporters here in Belagavi on Saturday, he said, adding that the party will choose a candidate after discussing with the high command. ENS

Give special status to Molakalmuru: Sriramulu

CHITRADURGA: District Minister B Sriramulu stressed the need for giving special status under Article 371 J to Molakalmuru. Addressing the media on Saturday, Sriramulu said, "If the taluk gets the special status tag, more funds will flow in, which will help in developing this taluk." On merging Molakalmuru with Ballari district, he said Chief Minister B S Yediyurappa will take a final decision in this regard. ENS

BJP, JDS bonhomie may extend to MCC polls

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @Mysuru

STOKING speculation that the JDS and BJP may come together at the Mysuru City Corporation, like they did for the Mandya DCC Bank election, a regional party leader said that all is not well between the JDS and Congress, which are ruling the city corporation after forming a coalition. The MCC is headed for the mayoral election in January.

During the Mandya DCC Bank elections recently, though the Congress had the highest number of nominees, the JDS partnered with BJP to hand over power to the saffron party, dumping their old coalition partner. At the MCC, the Congress and JDS are in an agreement to share the Mayoral post cyclically and it is now with JDS corporator Tasneem.

Despite our long-existing alliances in the region, Congress has been causing us trouble. The mayor complained to me that they are not letting her run the corporation

Sa Ra Mahesh, JDS MLA

At an interaction here on Saturday, JDS MLA **Sa Ra Mahesh** indicated that not all is well between the coalition partners at MCC and the mayor has lost her peace of mind. "Despite our long-existing alliances in the region, Congress has been causing us trouble. The mayor complained to me that they are not letting her run the corporation," he said.

Asked whether the alliance would continue, he only said that one has to wait and watch.

TAKING A STAND

No change of guard in state: Kateel

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Mangaluru

BJP state president Nalin Kumar Kateel on Saturday insisted that no discussion had taken place on a change of guard in the state and that no one has raised such a question.

When reporters pressed him in this regard at a press meet here, he shot back questioning whether the party's national president or the party core committee had made any remark about changing the CM.

On the issue of party leaders lobbying for ministerial berths, he said there is nothing wrong in people aspiring to become ministers, but said that it will ultimately be decided by the CM and party high command.

To a query on bringing Veerashaiva-Lingayats under the OBC list, Kateel said Chief Minister B S Yediyurappa has clarified on the issue.

Referring to pro-terror graffiti found in Mangaluru, the BJP chief said police should immediately arrest people behind the 'anti-national' act and take stern action against them. "We will not allow such things to happen anywhere in the state," he stressed. On the upcoming gram panchayat elections, Nalin Kumar said candidates supported by the party will win 80% of the seats.

'BSY will complete term'

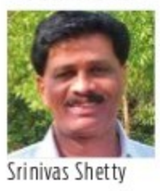
Chitradurga: Deputy Chief Minister Laxman Savadi on Saturday said B S Yediyurappa will continue to be Chief Minister for rest of the term and dismissed as rumour any talk of change in leadership. He told media persons that Yediyurappa will complete the term as CM and added that there are no differences in the party.

DK, UDUPI MLAs REFUSE TO JOIN MAD RUSH FOR BERTHS

VINCENT D'SOUZA @Mangaluru

WHILE legislators from other parts of the state are busy lobbying for ministerial berths for the past many days, those from Dakshina Kannada and Udupi districts, which are a BJP stronghold, have stopped themselves from joining the mad rush.

V Sunil Kumar



Srinivas Shetty

While none of the seven first-time MLAs from these two districts have thrown their hat into the ring as their chances look grim, those elected multiple times are waiting for the opportunity to knock on their doors rather than lobby for it.

BJP sources said that like in other regions, there is no dearth of leaders from the coast who nurse the ambition of becoming ministers, but they are cautious as the party high command recently rejected the names recommended for Rajya Sabha seats from the state and picked others.

A leader from Bengaluru said that unlike party legislators from Old Mysuru and North Karnataka regions, MLAs from the coast have won mostly because of the party and not on their individual strength. That politicians from the coast are more loyal to the party is also the reason why they are ignored, he reasoned.

Party sources said that three-time Karkala MLA **V Sunil Kumar** may be picked as there was a buzz that Minister for Fisheries, Ports and Muzrai Kota Srinivasa Poojary may be dropped. Both belong to the Billava community, which has a strong presence in the region, and the party cannot afford to pick someone from another community after axing Poojary, the sources said.

Kundapur MLA **Halady Srinivas Shetty**, who narrowly missed a ministerial berth in the first BJP government, is also a strong aspirant and he may get a chance if the party decides to make a Bunt a minister. Six-time Sullia MLA S Angara, a Dalit, and Kaup MLA Lalaji Mendon from the fishermen community, are the other aspirants. While Angara said he is not a person who demands posts, Mendon's followers are openly demanding a berth for their leader.

CHARGED UP OVER POWER

Congress workers, led by Bengaluru Youth Congress president Mohammed Haris Nalapad, protest over the hike in power tariff | ASHISHKRISHNA HP

PRICES SOAR

North goes nuts over Tiptur copra

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THE price of Tiptur copra, regarded one of the finest varieties in the country, is zooming. Ease of transportation and huge demand in North India are said to be the two important factors that have made the market buoyant. On Saturday, the arrivals stood at 2,312 quintals and the copra fetched Rs 16,200 per quintal at the Tiptur Agriculture Produce and Marketing Committee (APMC) market. On November 25, it was Rs 15,000 per quintal.

"The ban on import of coconut oil is also one of the factors that has helped Tiptur copra fetch a good price," said Tiptur APMC secretary Nyamgouda N B. The trend may continue and the price may go up to Rs 18,000 per quintal, he said.

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The onset of winter and festival season has increased copra consumption in North India.

During the lockdown, the price of copra ranged between Rs 10,000 and Rs 11,000 as traders found it hard to transport it. The farmer felt the pinch then, but now there are buyers from Rajasthan, New Delhi and Gujarat among other states.

"I used to transport the goods up to Vijayapura in Karnataka during the lockdown and now have been sending the high quality packed ball copra to Vashi Market in Mumbai," said G K Prakash of Kalikamba Traders in Mavinhalli.

Amaan Traders sells many copra varieties. The ball copra is priced at Rs 150 per kg with a minimum order of 20 kg.

The MSP for ball copra has been increased to Rs 10,300 per quintal for the 2020 season from Rs 9,920 per quintal in 2019. If the price crashes below Rs 10,300, the National Agricultural Cooperative Marketing Federation of India) procures the copra at the MSP.

Rajapuri Bits copra (it is cut into pieces) has a huge demand in Tamil Nadu as the oil extracted from it is of high quality, according to traders.

"Considering the production cost of the farmers due to a drought-like situation, Tiptur copra should fetch at least Rs 20,000 per quintal to make it remunerative for them," said Srikanth Kelahatti, an activist, who has also been demanding the GI tag for Tiptur copra.

Session to debate 'One Nation, One Election'

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THE winter session of the state legislature to be held from December 7 to 15 will debate the idea of 'One Nation, One Election' on the last two days.

Speaking to mediapersons on the assembly proceedings, Speaker Vishweshwar Hegde Kageri said they have decided to have a serious debate on this idea that was mentioned by Prime Minister Narendra Modi during the Speakers' conference in Kevadia recently.

To ensure that they have meaningful discussions about all aspects of the idea, the Speaker said he has already held discussions with CM B S Yediyurappa, Law Minister J C Madhuswamy, Opposition Leader in the Assembly Siddaramaiah and Janata Dal (S) leader H D Kumaraswamy and sought their cooperation.

He said the session will have all proceedings including the Question Hour and that 10 bills are ready to be tabled in the House. While they will follow all Covid-19 protocols, he said a decision on whether the assembly members, staff and mediapersons need to have a Covid-19 test will be taken after holding talks with health department officials.

A 23-year-old youth was arrested on Friday for abducting and killing his friend with the help of two others. The deceased, Ravikumar (31), was a resident of Byappanahalli. Lokesh, with the help of his friends Sachin and Manjunath, kidnapped Ravikumar on November 19 while he was returning home. They took him near Bannerghatta and allegedly bludgeoned him to death.

HC frowns on vehicle insurance fraud

Division bench expresses concern over nexus among police, medical professionals, touts

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THE Karnataka High Court has said that fraudulent involvement of motor vehicles covered by insurance policy in accident cases is burgeoning.

A division bench of Justice S Sunil Dutt Yadav and Justice P Krishna Bhat expressed concern over the nexus between the police, medical professionals and touts, after it found that a motor vehicle covered by insurance policy has been planted as an offending vehicle to secure compensation, 103 days after the accident. And the vehicle owner was none other than the younger brother of the deceased.

IN THE HC

In view of this, the bench dismissed an appeal filed by the family of members of the deceased against their claim petition dismissed by the Motor Accident Claims Tribunal.

The Tribunal did not believe that the offending vehicle caused the accident.

The counsel of the appellants argued that the chargesheet was filed by the police against the offending vehicle and that the insurance company had not challenged it. Therefore, this court has to hold that the vehicle was involved in the accident, he argued.

The bench said that if the insurance companies are saddled with the burden of challenging the chargesheets filed throughout the country without there being no clear mandate under the Motor Vehicles Act to do so, their work will be seriously crippled. They will not be able to do their insurance business without enhancing the premium, thereby further burdening the owners of motor vehicles, it said.

"We are afraid, we would be only confusing the already befuddled members of the Tribunal further by accepting the arguments of the appellants' counsel in this aspect," the bench noted.

In the appeal, Mahadevi and two others from Vijaypur questioned the Tribunal's judgment on March 31, 2016. In the accident that occurred in 2013, Shrishail Kore died due to the car driver's rash and negligent driving.

HC: SC/ST panel can't entertain land pleas

Bengaluru: The HC has ruled that the Karnataka Scheduled Caste and Scheduled Tribes Commission is not empowered to entertain petitions seeking restoration of land. The panel does not have these powers as per the provisions of the Karnataka Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes (Prohibition of Transfer of Certain Lands) Act, 1978, it said. Justice M Nagaprasanna said that the Commission is not created under the relevant Act as an appellate authority over the orders passed by the Assistant Commissioner. Hence, the remedy of appeal is only through the Deputy Commissioner, the judge said.

FOR THE PEOPLE

Police Commissioner Kamal Pant holds a public grievance meeting, Masika Janasamparka Divasa, in Bengaluru on Saturday | SHRIRAM BN

BSY's secy booked for attempting suicide

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CHIEF Minister B S Yediyurappa's political secretary N R Santhosh, who is being treated at M S Ramaiah Hospital after he attempted suicide on Friday, was moved to a ward on Saturday after his condition improved.

Santhosh's wife Jahnavi told the media that he has no problems in the family, but had been under stress since a few days and, on Friday, he did not talk much to anyone. "He came home around 6pm, went to a room and was reading a book. When I entered the room to call him for dinner, he was completely unconscious. I called my uncle and we rushed Santhosh to hospital. Santhosh used to take sleeping tablets sometimes when he was unable to sleep," she said.

Based on a memo by hospital authorities, Sadashivanagar police have registered FIR against Santhosh under IPC Section 309 (attempt to commit suicide, punishable with simple imprisonment for up to a year). Although the Mental Health Care Act looks at such attempts as due to "severe stress", Section 309 of the IPC still continues to be invoked.

Naresh Shetty, president of MS Ramaiah hospital, said in the press release, "Santhosh was brought to the hospital at 8.30pm and he had consumed sleeping pills. Appropriate treatment was administered and all investigations were carried out. He has been taking sleeping pills occasionally for sleep disturbance. His condition is stable. He may be discharged in a couple of days based on his health status."

Police bust e-matrimony racket, nab 6

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THE Whitefield police arrested a gang of six Nigerians for allegedly duping people online on the pretext of marriage. The police seized four laptops and 10 mobile phones from them. The accused are Bright Mudakashi, his wife Devain Madukashi, their relatives Emanuel Vasama, John Alex, Ejiju Madukashi and Maria Emanuel Madukashi.

Bright was running a racket posing as white-collared professionals, and trapped people on marriage portals and social media sites, luring them into a relationship and later duping them. He recently approached a woman private company employee on shaadi.com, introduced himself as Raj Kishore, a civil engineer based in Malaysia, and proposed to marry her. He used an international SIM card while calling her, to make her believe that he is a resident of Malaysia. He would call and chat with her regularly on WhatsApp and one day he proposed to marry her.

On November 2, he sought emergency financial help from the victim to receive a foreign consignment. Believing him, the woman transferred Rs 24.5 lakh into his account. As soon as Bright received the money, he disconnected the call and switched off his phone. She filed a police complaint, and a special team tracked down the accused to Vipin Garden Extension in New Delhi.

During the interrogation, the police found that Bright had duped more than 10 people and used different SIM cards every time. He revealed the names of other members in the racket.

Poachers claim to be first-time offenders: Cops

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"WE got a tip-off that the items were being sold to jewellery shops and they have a set of regular customers who demand that animal parts be fixed in gold lockets. We laid a trap and nabbed the poachers who are tribals. While two of them are said to be from Hunsur near Nagarhole Tiger Reserve, the other two said they are from Madanapalle in Andhara Pradesh," a police official said.

He added that though the poachers claim to be first-time offenders, their details are being matched with police and forest department records.

Santhosh's suicide bid: Cong seeks probe

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KARNATAKA Pradesh Congress Committee president D K Shivakumar claimed that Santhosh was under pressure as there was a complaint against him in connection with some video footage and called for a detailed probe to establish the cause for the suicide attempt. But he did not reveal what the video contained.

NR Santhosh

"I don't know what it is about, but I have been briefed by some media persons about it. Maybe he was embarrassed and probably attempted suicide fearing a backlash," the KPCC president told reporters in Sirsi.

Shivakumar said that about four months ago, Santhosh made a video and sent it to a BJP MLC who is said to have handed it over to party leaders. The Congress leader, however, did not name the MLC or elaborate on the video. "Everything cannot be revealed before the media. An inquiry should be ordered into the matter to establish the truth", he said.

State Congress working president Saleem Ahmed too demanded that a special team probe the case. The party will stage protest if the government fails to order a probe, he added.

While the police have registered a case and initiated a probe, Santhosh's wife Jahnavi said, "He has been under pressure for the last one year due to political upheavals."

Meanwhile, Home Minister Basavaraj Bommai and other ministers hit back at the Congress for making 'unfounded allegations' and asked Shivakumar to hand over the video that he referred to, for the police investigation. Shivakumar's remarks drew a sharp reaction from a number of BJP leaders.

Revenue Minister R Ashoka, who was in Hassan, said it is not fair for Shivakumar to make baseless statements against Santhosh, while Rural Development Minister K S Eshwarappa and Cooperation Minister S T Somashekar termed the comments as an attempt to 'mislead' people.

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On behalf of Governor of Karnataka, The Executive Engineer, Rural Drinking Water and Sanitation Division, Mandya invited tender for Providing FHTCs works in K.R.Pete, Madduru, Malavalli and Pandavapura Tq, Mandya District from eligible bidders. The Tenderers are required to submit through E-procurement Portal **http://eproc.karnataka.gov.in.** Last Date & Time for Receipt of Bids: **10.12.2020 Time: 05.30 PM,** Date & Time of Technical Bid Opening 11.12.2020, Time: 05.35 PM, Date & Time of Financial Bid Opening **18.12.2020 Time : 11.00 AM**. More details can be obtained through e-procurement portal of Govt of Karnataka **www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in** or from this office during working hours. Phone No. 08232-222363.
Sd/- Executive Engineer
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PUBLIC NOTICE

Our clients **Smt. PABU DEVI**, W/o Jagamala Ram, is intending to purchase the Schedule property from **Sri. CHANDRASHEKAR.M**, in respect of the schedule property mentioned below and any person/s who have any valid claim, demand or interest over the said property or any objections to the said transaction by our clients may his/her objections in writing along with copies of the supporting documents duly attested with the undersigned within 15 days from this day, failing which it will be deemed that no other person/s has any claim or agreement to sell or DTD or charge lien, otherwise or objections to the said transaction of the schedule property by our clients and our clients will complete the registration of the Sale Deed as if there is no such claim.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of the property bearing New No.43, old No.1, having **PID No:28-31-43**, situated at Sanjeev Nayak Lane, Avenue Road Cross, BBMP ward No.109, Bangalore, the same measuring East to West 25 feet, and North to South 12.60 feet, totally 312.50 Sq.ft., building consisting totally 315 sq.ft., commercial shops three thereon and bounded as follows:-

On the East by : Private Property,
West by : Avenue Road,
North by : Sanjeev Nayak Lane,
South by : M.Devaraju Property.

S.V. MANJUNATHA, Advocate
'S.V.Manjunatha and Associates'
No.14, 13th Cross, Cubbonpet,
Bangalore-560002.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Public is hereby informed that our clients have intended to purchase the below mentioned Schedule Property from its owner **MR. YESHWANTH KUMAR.K**, S/o. T Kempe Gowda, aged about 38 years, residing at No.21, Sneha Nagar, Amruthahalli, Sahakar Nagar Post, Bangalore- 560092 (Owner). Owner represents that he is the absolute owner in peaceful possession and enjoyment of the Schedule Property and has a marketable right, title and interest therein and apart from him there are no person/s having any right, title, claims or interest over the below mentioned Schedule Property.

Any person/s, having any claim, title, interest or right over the below mentioned Schedule Property may lodge their objections or claims in writing with all supporting documentary evidence with regard to such claims with the undersigned within 15 days hereof, failing which, our clients will proceed to complete the aforesaid sale transaction.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of the immovable property being a vacant residential site, bearing No.1329, formed in Survey No.53/2 of Jkkur Village, situated at 7th Block, Arkavathi Layout, Bangalore and the said Layout formed by the BDA, measuring East to West 12 meters and North to South 9 meters, in all measuring 108 square meters and bounded by:

East : Site bearing No.1292
West : Road
North : Site bearing No.1328
South : Site bearing No.1330

K.S. Devaraj, Partner
MD & T Partners-Advocates
No.80, 1st Floor, 6th Main,16th Cross, Gayathri Devi Park, Vyalikaval, Bangalore - 560003
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SOUTHERN RAILWAY

(CONSTRUCTION ORGANISATION)
E-TENDER
NOTICE NO: 13-CECNMS-2021-E-36106-II DATED 24/11/2020
NOTEICE NO: 14-CECNMS-2021-E-36114-II DATED: 24/11/2020
NOTICE NO.: 15-CECNMS-2021-E-36123-II DATED: 24/11/2020

1. **Name of the Work:** Final Location survey for the Proposed Doubling of track between ERODE-KARUR Section (65Km). **Approximate Cash Value (Rs.):** 5296116.85. **EMD (Rs.):** 105900. **Period of Completion in Month:** 3. **Closing Date @ 15.30 hrs.**: 08.12.2020.

2. **Name of Work**: Final Location survey for the Proposed Doubling of track between KARUR - DINDIGUL Section (75Km). **Approximate Cash Value (Rs.):** 5265368.45. **EMD (Rs.)**: 105300. **Period of Completion in Month**: 4. **Closing Date @ 15.30 hrs.**: 08.12.2020.

3. **Name of the Work:** Final Location survey for the Proposed Doubling of track SALEM - KARUR Section (85Km). **Approximate Cash Value (Rs.):** 6659423.20. **EMD (Rs.)**: 133200. **Period of Completion in Month:** 4. **Closing Date @ 15.30 hrs** 08.12.2020.

The tenderers/ Contractors intending to apply for the tender needs to get enrolled in the portal www.ireps.gov.in and only online tenders will be accepted. The Cost of the tender form and the Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) should be made through online payment gateway available in the website by the way of multiple bank's net-banking, debit card and credit card.

Complete details & Tender document available at **http:www.ireps.gov.in**

For Chief Engineer (Construction), Southern Railway Egmore, Chennai - 600 008.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the original Sale Deed dated 22.12.1986 (registered as document No. 3241/86-87 of Book-I, Volume 782 at pages 25-29, in the office of Sub Registrar, Rajajinagar) pertaining to the Schedule Property is lost during the renovation of the Schedule Property. Our client Sri. Madan Lal, son of late Sohan Lal, the absolute owner has lodged a Police complaint with the Yeshwanthpur police station and has not authorized anyone else to transact in respect of the Schedule Property nor to create any kind of encumbrance on the same.

Anybody transacting in respect of the Schedule Property with any person/s shall be doing so at their own risk and cost and our client shall not be responsible for the same in any manner.

If any person/s finds out the same, the Public is hereby requested to return the same to the address mentioned hereunder and for which my client is highly obliged and thankful.

SCHEDULE

All that piece and parcel of the immovable property bearing Site No.5, Municipal Corporation No.5 & PID No.3-64-5, situated at 2nd Cross, Model Colony, Yeshwanthpura, Bangalore comes under the BBMP Ward No. 37, Yeshwanthpur measuring East to West : 40 Ft and North to South : 85 Ft together with a house having a built-up area of 5400 Sq ft and bound as follows :

East : Property belonging to Sri. Srinivas
West : Property belonging to Sri. Narayanaswamy
North : Road
South : Property belonging to Sri. Govindaiah

REKHA R R, Partner
HJK LAW PARTNERS, Advocates
1038, 1st Floor, Dr.Rajkumar Road, Rajajinagar 4th Block, Bangalore-560 010
L: 080 23151715; Mob : 9845364814; Email:rekha@hjklawpartners.com
Date: 26.11.2020, Place Bengaluru.

Government of Karnataka

Additional Chief Secretary to Government Finance Department,

Vidhana Soudha, Bengaluru

No.: FD 01 BMB 2020 Date: 26.11.2020

KARNATAKA GOVERNMENT STOCK (SECURITIES)

1. **Aggregate Amount : Total Rs. 2000 Crore (Rs.1000 Crore - 10 Year Tenure and Rs.1000 Crore - 17 Year Tenure)**
2. **Method of Issue : By auction, through PDO, RBI, Mumbai (Fort)**
3. **Date of auction : December 01, 2020**

Government of Karnataka invites subscription to the above securities. Copies of the Notification and Application forms may be obtained from PDO, RBI, Bengaluru. Non-competitive bidding facility has been introduced by RBI to encourage participation of retail investors. The Government stock up to 10% of the notified amount of the sale will be allotted to eligible individuals and institutions. Sample Tender Forms and the revised scheme of Non-competitive bidding facility is available on the website **www.rbi.org.in**

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Public are hereby informed that my client has entered into a Registered Agreement to Sell dated 28.10.2020 to purchase the immovable property described in the Schedule hereunder from its owner **Mr.S.Dhamodharan,** Son of Mr.S.Subramaniam, residing at No.25, Fruit Street, Bharathi Nagar, Bangalore : 560 001.

The owner has represented that the original Sale Deed dated 10.06.1936 and bearing Document No.355 and original Sale Deed dated 04.02.1937 and bearing Document No.1806 pertaining to the Schedule Property has been lost/misplaced and that inspite of best efforts is unable to trace the same and has in this regard also lodged an online Police Complaint on 07.11.2020 vide Lost Report No.142452/2020. The owner further represents that he has not mortgaged, liened or encumbered the Schedule Property in any manner.

Any person/s having or claiming any manner of right, title, lien and interest in respect of the Schedule property or having any claim arising out of the said lost/misplaced original Sale Deeds may intimate the same in writing to the undersigned with documentary evidence in support thereof within seven days from the date of publication of this notice, failing which the claims of all such person/s shall be deemed to have been waived or abandoned and my client will proceed with the conveyance as if no valid claims are subsisting against the Schedule property.

SCHEDULE

All that piece and parcel of land together with the structures standing thereon comprising of Ground, First and Second Floor bearing **Municipal Corporation No.127,** Old No.4, **PID No.91-66-127**, situated at **Veeranna Garden,** (formerly known as Cleveland Town `A' Street), Corporation Ward No.91, Bangalore and bounded on the:

EAST BY : Private Property; (Earlier described as Subbaiah's House);
WEST BY : Private Property; (Earlier described as Seekota Narasimhaiah's House);
NORTH BY : Private Property; (Earlier described as R.Nanjundiah's House);
SOUTH BY : Cleveland Town `A' Street;
and measuring :
EAST to WEST : 36 feet;
NORTH to SOUTH : 35 feet;
Totally measuring in all 1260 Square feet;

NISSAR AHMED, Advocate
No.10, Millers Road, Benson Town, Bangalore : 560 046.
Dated : 29.11.2020 Place : Bangalore

Chitradurga Urban Development Authority

Akashavani Road, C.K.Pura, Chitradurga-577501
E-Mail: cuda.cta@rediffmail.com, Phone No: 08194-222984

Sl.No: CUDA/ಸಚಾಅ/ಅ.ಕ/2020-21 Date : 27.11.2020

E-Procurement Tender Notification

(Form invited under Standard Tender Document K.W-3&4 Rules)

Tenders has been invited for 4 works through E-Procurement by Two-Cover System As per Transparency in public procurement in Karnataka As per rules 2000 Act At Chitradurga Urban Development Authority limits. For E-Procurement Documents Form Submitting, Accessing Tender Form, Filling and Submitting through online website **https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in** only before below mentioned dates and application will not be accepted at office. "Tenderers must upload the registry entries in e-procurement to make it appear in the summary table without uploading any unnecessary documentation". Form fee (Non-Refundable) **E-Procurement** Rules, If above mentioned dates declared as holidays, next working day is considered. For more details contact Office of Urban Development Authority. G.S.T amount Extra.

Sl. No.	Indent No.	Tender Amount (Rs. in Lakhs)	Tender Prebid Meeting Date	Tender Submission Last date	Tender Opening Date (Technical bid)	Tender Opening Date (Financial Bid)
1	CUDA/2020-21/OW/ WORK_INDENT45	478.30	21.12.2020 At 11.30 AM	28.12.2020 Till 5.30 PM	29.12.2020 At 5.30 P.M	31.12.2020 At 5.30 PM
2	CUDA/2020-21/RD/ WORK_INDENT48	72.93	-	11.12.2020 Till 5.30 PM	14.12.2020 At 5.30 PM	18.12.2020 At 5.30 PM
3	CUDA/2020-21/OW/ WORK_INDENT47	91.24				
4	CUDA/2020-21/OW/ WORK_INDENT46	68.17				

Sd/- Commissioner
Chitradurga Urban Development Authority
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Senior Divisional Commercial Manager South Western Railway, Bengaluru invites application from educated unemployed persons residing in and around at below mentioned "Train Halt" Station for issue of Unreserved Tickets on"COMMISSION BASIS" for a period of five years or till up gradation of the station, whichever is earlier.

SL	Station	Section
1	Kamasamudram	SBC-JTJ

To Start functioning from - **Date will be notified by the administration.** Application form and Eligibility/General Terms and Conditions etc. are exhibited on the notice Board of Divisional Office, Commercial, Branch, Bengaluru Division, Bengaluru-560023. The same also can be downloaded at **www.swr.indianrailways.gov.in.**

Date for submission of the sealed applications is from 10:00 hours to 15:00 hours of 28.12.2020.

Sr. Divisional Commercial Manager South Western Railway, Bengaluru
PUB/103/AAV/PRB/SBC/2020-21

PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given to general public that, my client, M/s KVN Productions, Lender/ Financier is financing M/s Suresh Arts Private Limited, earlier named as Suresh Arts. Rep by directors 1. Kusanahally Appaiah Suresh, & 2. Smt. Savitha Ramaiah Suresh, # office at No. 66 main road Balajinagar Mylsandra Mysore road Bangalore 560059

"Borrower"

Borrower created a lien or charge of two feature films titled **Thotapuri** part 01 & part 02, Kannada Language in favour of lender M/s KVN Productions. Public is alerted through this notice that, if any of them has got any claim or objection on the borrower (M/s Suresh Arts Private Limited/ individually) or their two feature films named **Thotapuri** part 01 & part 02 above, kindly file your claim or objection to this address within fifteen (15) days from the date of this publication at:

M/s KVN Productions,
Administrative Office at No.4115, Prestige West Woods, Flat. No. 4115, Tower-4, Floor-11, BBMP Ward. No.25, Binnipet, Bangalore-560023.

Drafted By
B.R. Deepak & Associates,
Advocates, No.239, 1st Floor, 4th Main Road, Chamarajapet, Bangalore–560018
Phone. Nos. +91-9148602259, +91-9448105665
E-MAIL: deepakbr@gmail.com

SOUTH WESTERN RAILWAY

E-Tender Notice No:SBC-MECH-CW-Caterpillar Diesel Engine-05-2020 Dated: 23.11.2020

The undersigned, on behalf of the President of India, invites E-tenders for the following work :

Name of Work	Approx. Value
Comprehensive Annual Maintenance Contract (CAMC) for Caterpillar diesel engines in DPC at DEMU shed Bengaluru cantonment for a period of two years.	Rs. 28,19,957.74

Last date for submission of bids:
Up to 15:00 hrs. of 14.12.2020

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Sr. Divisional Mechanical Engineer South Western Railway, Bengaluru
PUB/101/AAV/PRB/SBC/2020-21

IN THE DEBT RECOVERY TRIBUNAL -I AT BENGALURU
OA No.1379/2019

BETWEEN:
M/s.HDFC Bank Ltd, ..Applicant
AND
Sri Karthikeyan R. ...Defendant

SUMMONS ISSUED UNDER RULE 23 (viii) OF THE DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL (PROCEDURE) RULES 1993 BY WAY OF PAPER PUBLICATION

To: **01. Sri Karthikeyan R.,** S/o. Sri Rajasekaran, Aged about 31 years, K. P. Comforts, 21, Krishna Industrial Area, S. G. Palya, Bangalore , Karnataka - 560 029.
Also at: Sri Karthikeyan R., Accenture Solutions Private Limited, Prestige Technologies, 1/8 Dr. M. H. Maregowda Road, Chikkalakshmaiah Layout, Adugodi, Bangalore, Karnataka - 560 027.
And also at : Sri Karthikeyan R., A 15, Poigaithiru Nagar, Poigaipatti Tiruchirappalli, Tamil Nadu - 621 306.

Whereas, the Applicant has instituted an application under section 19 of Recovery of Debts due to Banks and Financial Institution Act, 1993 against the above defendants for recovery of **Rs. 37,89,551/-** (Rupees Thirty Seven Lakhs Eighty Nine Thousand Five Hundred and Fifty One Only) amount together with current and future interest, cost and other reliefs.

The above mentioned defendants are required appear therefore hereby directed to appear before the Tribunal in person or through an Advocate on duly instructed in support of their defence to show cause on **12.04.2021 at 10.30 a.m.** as to why the reliefs prayed for should not be granted.

Take Notice that in case default the application will be heard and determined in your absence.

Given under my hand and the seal of the Tribunal on this **17.11.2020**

By Order of the Tribunal
Sd/- Registrar
Debts Recovery Tribunal, Bangalore

LOST

Notice is hereby given to General Public that the following document has been lost and not traceable, by my client, Sri. Prakash. If found inform to **Smt. B. Mallika, Advocate**, No. 10, 1st Floor, 1st Main, 2nd Cross, Saraswathipuram, Nandinilayout, Bangalore-560 096, within eight days from the date of publication. 4th page of Gift deed, dated 29/11/2018, executed by Sri. V. Venkatesh in favour of Sri. B. V. Prakash, registered as document no.CMP-1-05903-2018-19 in Book I, stored in CD no. CMPD211, on 29/11/2018 in the office of the Sub-Registrar, Chamarajapete with respect to property bearing present corporation no. 30/3-A, situated at Devanathachar Street measuring 875 Sq., Ft.

MALLIKA.B, Advocate
No. 10, 1st Floor, 1st Main,
2nd Cross, Saraswathipuram,
Nandinilayout, Bangalore- 560 096.
Ph: 9742658187

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to inform the General Public that, my client, is intending to purchase the schedule property from Sri V. Sudhakar Raju, S/o Sri Valluru Papa Raju, Residing at No. 1-2-412-1-1, Gagan Mahal Colony Domaiguda, Hyderabad-500 029. Any person, Banks, Financial institutions having any claim, title or interest in the schedule property may contact the undersigned with the documentary proof in support of his/her/its claim. If no claim is lodged with the undersigned within a period of **(15) FIFTEEN DAYS** from the date of publication of this public notice, it shall be presumed that, **Sri V. SUDHAKAR RAJU** is having clear and a marketable title to the Schedule property and my chest will conclude the sale.

SCHEDULE

ALL THAT PIECE AND PARCEL of Residential site bearing No 21, formed by Mysore Employees House Building Co-Operative Society Limited (M.P.M Layout) at Mallathalli, bearing B.B.M.P khata No 21, measuring East to West: 59.5 feet, and North to South: 40 feet, totally measuring 2380 Sq.ft., situated at Mallathalli, Ward No. 129 of Rajajeshwarinagar, Bengaluru, and bounded on the:

East by : Building constructed on Site No. 12
West by : Road;
North by : Building constructed on Site No. 21A;
South by : Road.

K.T. NANJUNDA GOWDA, Advocate
No. 26/2, 1st Floor, Sri Krishna Building, Avenue Road, Bengaluru 560 002 .
Date: 28-11-2020

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Citibank N. A.,

Possession Notice

Whereas, the undersigned Sudarsan S. being the Authorised Officer of M/s. Citibank N.A., having office at 9th Floor, No. 148, Dr. Radha Krishnan Salai, Mylapore, Chennai - 600 004 under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 hereinafter called the Act and in exercise of powers conferred under Section 13(2) read with Rules 9 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued demand notices calling upon the borrowers, whose names have been indicated in Column (B) below on dates specified in Column (C) to repay the outstanding amount indicated in Column (D) below with interest thereon with 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice. The borrowers having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrowers in particular and the Public in general that the undersigned has taken Physical possession of the properties mortgaged with the Bank described in Column (E) below on the respective dates mentioned in Column (F) in exercise of the powers conferred on him under Section 13(4) of the Act read with Rule 9 of the Rules made there under. The borrowers in particulars and the Public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with the properties mentioned in Column (E) below and any such dealings will be subject to the charge of M/s. Citibank N.A. having office at 9th Floor, No. 148, Dr. Radha Krishnan Salai, Mylapore, Chennai - 600 004 for an amount mentioned in Column (D) alongwith interest and penal interest.

Name & Address of Borrower	Date of Notice	Outstanding Amount	Deatils of Property Possession	Date of Possession
(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	(F)
1. Ms. Vijaya Charles At No.64, 3rd Cross ITC Colony, Coxtown Jeevanahalli, Bangalore - 560005	**20.07.2020**	Rs. 6,89,047.70	All that piece and parcel of property House in Site No.64, (Western Portion) Bangalore Mahanagara Palike Katha No. 8/64 and certificate No.DA86/SN/PR-235/04-05, Situated at S.I.H.S, I.T.C Colony, Jeevanahalli, this property comes under the jurisdiction of Bangalore Mahanagara Palike, in ward No.86, Bangalore, Measuring East to West: 25.5 ft and North to South: 26 Ft, totally measuring in all 663 Sq.ft, together with all appurtenances whatsoever whether underneath or above the surface and bounded on the:East by: Remaining Portion of same House in site No.64, West by: Road, North by: Road, South by:House No.63	**05.11.2020**
2.Mr. Shiva Shankarappa, 70, Y V Annaiah Road,Yelachena halli, Kanakapura Road,Bangalore - 560078	**06.07.2020**	**Rs. 2,89,595.30**	All that piece and parcel of Property No.70, Khatha No. 92, Yelachannahalli Village, Pattanegere Ward No. 30, Bangalore South Taluk, Measuring East to West = 30 ft., North to South = 45 ft, East by : Property No. 69,West by : Property No.71 North by : Property No.57, South by : Road	**05.11.2020**
3.Mr. Samba Sivaiah V At site No. 7, Sy.no.9, Puttenahalli Vill., Uttarahalli Hobli, Bangalore - 560078	**20.07.2020**	**Rs. 7,31,308.20**	All that piece and parcel of the property bearing house on Site No.7, Katha No.9, Bommana Halli Nagarasabha CMC Katha SL No.582, Property No.9, 7 Situated at Puttenahalli Village, Uttarahalli Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, Bangalore. Measuring: East to West: 39 Ft and North to South: 30 Ft, Total: 1170 Sq.ft. Bounded as follows: East by:25 Ft wide road, West by:Property belongs to S. Venkatesh, North by:Property No.6, South by:Property No.8	**05.11.2020**
4. Mr. Rajesh Tippi Reddy At No.193, Sy No.20, Sainagar 20, Sainagar, Phase 2, Chikkabettahalli, Bangalore – 560097	**20.07.2020**	**Rs. 4,86,989.00**	All that piece and parcel of property bearing No.193, in Katha No.364 of Doddabettahalli Village Panchayath, formed out of converted land bearing Sy.No. 20, situated at CHIKKABETTAHALLI village, Yalahanka Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, measuring East to West: 40 Ft and Borth to South: 30 Ft and total measuring abount 1200 Sq.ft and bounded on:East by:30 ft road, West by: Site No.174, Nort by:Site No.194, South by:Site No.192 Whereas the schedule property has been formed out of Survey No.20, which has been converted from agricultural to non-agricultural residential purpose vide conversion order no. B.DIS.ALN.SR. (N) 45/91-92, 49/88-89, 50/89-90 & 107/87-88 dated 12-11-1991, issued by the Special Deputy Commissioner, Bangalore District, Bangalore.	**05.11.2020**
5.Mr. Rajakumar Arumugam at No.101, 1st Floor, Geetanjali Icon, Nagavara palya Main Road, CV Ramannagar, Bangalore – 560093	**20.07.2020**	**Rs. 23,10,876.30**	**Schedule – A:** All that piece and parcel of L shape property bearing BMP Khatha No.65, situated at Nagavarapalya Main Road, K.R.Puram Hobli, Bangalore East Taluk carved out of erstehile residentially converted Sy.No.142/2 (presently 142/2A) converted vide the order of the Deputy Commissioner, Bangalore Urban District, Bangalore dated 30-07-63 bearing No.B.Dis.ALR.SR.644, falling within the jurisdiction of Ward No.83 of Bangalore Mahanagara Palike, measuring 2200 Sq.mts with all rights and appurtenances hereunder or above the surface and bounded on the: East by:Road,West by:Private property,North by:Private property,South by:Property bearing to Sri.Prashanth Sanghi and 15 ft wide approach road **Schedule – B:** 384 Sft undivided right, title and interest in the immovable property mentioned in Schedule – A above **Schedule – C:** Apartment bearing No.101 in 1st Floor measuring 1280 Sft super built up area with One Car Parking area in the residential building known as "Gitanjali Icon" constructed over Schedule – A above.	**05.11.2020**
6.Mr. Manjunath L M At Site No.27, 10th Cross, Bagalagunte, Bangalore – 560073	**06.07.2020**	**Rs. 7,39,986.00**	All that piece and parcel of Property No. 404, Khatha No. 27, Assessment No.20/1, 10th Cross, Bagalagunte Village, Yeshwanthpura Hubli, Bangalore North Taluk. Measuring: East to West = 30 ft, North to South = 35 ft, Total : 1050 Sq.Ft. East by : House No.26,West by : Road, North by : House No.30,South by : Road	**05.11.2020**
7.Mr. Ganesh Kumar M P At #29, 3/1, Mookambika Layout, St.thomas, Town Post, Lingaraja puram, Bangalore – 560084	**20.07.2020**	**Rs. 5,98,969.60**	All the piece and parcel of the property bearing Site No.29, Assessment No.3/1, Situated at LINGARAJAPURA VILLAGE, Kasaba Hobli, Bangalore Nort Taluk, Bangalore, Measuring East to West 25' Ft, and North to South 25' Ft, total measuring 625 Sq.ft along with one Square A.C. Sheet House, with Mud Flooring, Mud and Bricks used for constrction of walls, Jungle wood used for doors and windows, with out Civic amenities and bounded on: East by:Private Property, West by:Road,North by:Road, South by:Private property	**05.11.2020**

Place : Bangalore
Date: 27.11.2020

Authorised Officer, Citibank N.A.

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Administrative Office : No. 24-B, Gandhi Nagar, Kumbakonam - 612 001. **E-Mail id :** crmd@cityunionbank.in,
Ph : 0435-2432322, **Fax :** 0435-2431746

PUBLICATION - DEMAND NOTICE

Notice under Section 13(2) of The Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act 2002 - Sent on **25-08-2020** by Registered Post with Acknowledgement Due and the same was **returned by all.** Hence this.

No.1) M/s. S L N Enterprises, No.193, Sreekardham, Next to Pilekamma Temple, Thallaghattapura, Kanakapura Main Road, Bangalore - 560 062. No.2) Mr. K. Murali, S/o. Late Krishnappa, No.74, Naadyavartha, 4th Cross, Judicial Layout, Thalaghattapura, Bengaluru - 560 062. No.3) Mrs. K. Meghana, W/o. K. Murali, No.74, Naadyavartha, 4th Cross, Judicial Layout, Thalaghattapura, Bengaluru - 560 062.

Dear Sir/ Madam,

Sub: Loan account / Overdraft with **City Union Bank Limited, Bengaluru-Jaya Nagar Branch** in the name of **M/s. S L N Enterprises.**

The Bank issued notice under the SARFAESI Act on **25-08-2020** calling upon all of you to repay the outstanding amount of **Rs.21,80,623/- (Rupees Twenty One Lakh Eighty Thousand Six Hundred and Twenty Three Only)** as on **17-04-2020** with further interest for **512120020010534 (SECURED OD WITH DP)** at **14.50%** plus **2.00%** penal interest p.a. (not compounded) with monthly rests from **18-04-2020** till the date of repayment. The notices sent to you by Registered Post have been **returned by all.**

Therefore, we hereby once again call upon you all to pay **Rs.21,80,623/- (Rupees Twenty One Lakh Eighty Thousand Six Hundred and Twenty Three Only)** with further interest for **512120020010534 (SECURED OD WITH DP)** at **14.50%** plus **2.00%** penal interest p.a. (not compounded) with monthly rests from **18-04-2020** till the date of repayment within **60 days** from the date of this notice failing which the Bank will be Constrained to exercise its rights of enforcement of security interest as against the secured assets given in the schedule hereunder. This Notice is published/issued without prejudice to any other right/remedy available to the Bank.

Note : That our **148-Bengaluru-Jaya Nagar Branch** has also extended Financial Assistance (CUB OSL SPECIAL-BR:501812080050563) dated **27-03-2019** requested by No.1 of you represented by No.2 of you as Proprietor for which No.3 of you stood as Co-obligant and No. 2 of you stood as guarantor for the facility for a total amount of **Rs.25,50,000/-** at a ROI of **16.5%**. The same has been also classified as NPA on **29-01-2020** and the outstanding balance as on **17-04-2020** is **Rs. 27,35,754/-** plus further interest and penal interest of **2.00%** with monthly rests to be charged from **18-04-2020** till the date of realization.

Immovable Property Mortgaged to our Bank

Schedule - A : Property Owned By Mr. K. Murali, S/o. Late Krishnappa.

Property Description : All that piece and parcel of the property bearing site No.26, Old Khatha No.154, Present No.376, E-Khatha No. 150200300101500154, Measuring East to West 40 feet, North to South 52 feet, in all measuring 2,080 sq.feet, situated at Mallasandra Grama, Uttarahalli, Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk Boundaries : East by : Road; West by : Property Site bearing No.27; North by : Property Site bearing No.25; South by : Private Property.

Place: Kumbakonam, Date: 24-11-2020 **Authorised Officer**

Regd. Office : 149, T.S.R. (Big) Street, Kumbakonam, Thanjavur District, Tamil Nadu - 612 001, **CIN -** L65110TN1904PLC001287,
Telephone No. 0435-2402322, **Fax :** 0435-2431746, **Website :** www.cityunionbank.com

STATE BANK OF INDIA

RETAIL ASSETS CENTRAL PROCESSING CENTRE (RACPC) – II KORAMANGALA,
No. 12, 80 ft Road, 7th Main, 3rd Block, Koramangala, Bengaluru -560 034. Tel: 080 -25943803, Fax: 080 -25943800
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DEMAND NOTICE

NOTICE UNDER SECTION 13(2) OF SECURITISATION AND RECONSTRUCTION OF FINANACIAL ASSETS AND ENFORCEMENT OF SECURITY INTEREST ACT 2002 (HEREINAFTER CALLED 'ACT')

A Notice is hereby given that the below mentioned Borrowers have defaulted in the repayment of principal and interest of the loan facility obtained by them from the Bank and the loans have been classified as Non Performing Assets (NPA). The notices were issued to them under Section 13(2) of Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act 2002 on their last known addresses, but they have been returned un-served and as such they are hereby informed by way of this public notice.

1) Name and address of the Borrower: 1. Mr. Abhishek Bhowmick and **2. Mrs. Supriya Srivastav, Both at:** #H1/601 Roseland's Rhythm, Pimple Saudagar, Near Kunal Icon & ICICI Bank Pune-411 027. **And at:** Villa No. 152, Royal Sunnyvale, Sy No. 38/2, Kammasandra Agrahara Vill, Kasba hobli,Anekal tq, Bangalore-560 100. **And also at:** A/2, Flat No.17, Kohinoor Apartments, Dimond Park, Joka, Opp ESI Hospital, Kolkata-700 104. **2.** at: #559, KMA/162, Srinagar, Alambagh, Lucknow, UP-226005
Account No: A/c No. HTL 32905630370 & 32906157399 SVR/4407/HL/1123
Outstanding Loan Amount: Rs. 28,22,609/- (Rupees Twenty Eight Lakhs Twenty Two Thousand Six Hundred and Nine Only) as on **09.11.2020** with interest from **10.11.2020** and incidental expenses, costs, charges etc.
NPA Date: 30.09.2020 **Demand Notice Date: 10.11.2020**
Description of the Immovable Properties: (Equitable Mortgage of Immovable Properties) Schedule 'A' Property: Item No.1: All that part and parcel of the converted land bearing Sy No: 38/1A to an extent of 13 Guntas, converted vide Official Memorandum dated 29/10/2004,issued by the Special Deputy Commissioner, Bangalore District bearing Order No: ALN SR (A) 205/2004-05, and converted land bearing Sy No: 38/1B to an extent of 2 Acres converted vide Official Memorandum dated 03/09/1982 issued by the Special Deputy Commissioner, Bangalore District from agricultural to non-agricultural residential purpose vide Order No: ALN. SR(A) 31/1981-82 and both situated at Kammasandra Agrahara village, Kasaba Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Bangalore District and bounded on the: East by : Land belonging to Anekal B. Nanjappa West by : Land belonging to Mr. Muniyappa of Mangammanapalya; North by : Land belonging to Papamma abd Munireddy; and South by : Panchayati Road.
Item No.2: All that part and parcel of the converted land bearing Sy No: 38/2 to an extant of 3 acre 16 guntas, converted vide official memorandum dated 28.09.2004 issued by the Special Deputy Commissioner, Bangalore District bearing Order No. ALN SR(A) 204/2004-05, and situated at Kammasandra Agrahara village, Kasaba Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Banglore District and bounded on the: East by : Silk Industry West by : Mangama W/o Muniyappa's Land North by : Sy No. 38/1 of Muni Reddy South by : Land of Mr. Shivaramaiah.
Item No.3: All that part and parcel of the immovable property bearing Sy No. 40(converted for NA residential purpose vide official memorandum dated 29.06.2006, bearing Order No.ALN SR(A):261/1994-95 issued by the Spl Depuy Commisioner, Bangalore Dist), situated at Kammasandra Agrahara village, Kasaba Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Banglore District measuring to an extent of 4acre 06 guntas and bounded on the: East by : Anekal Road, West by : Land in Sy No. 41, North by : Remaining portion of Land in Sy. No. 40, South by : Silk Industry.
Item No.4: All that part and parcel of the immovable property bearing Sy No. 41(converted for NA residential purpose vide official memorandum dated 05.05.1995, bearing Order No. ALN SR(A) 262/1994-95 issued by the Spl. Depuy Commisioner, Bangalore Dist), situated at Kammasandra Agrahara village, Kasaba Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Banglore District measuring to an extent of 4acre and bounded on the: East by : Land in Sy. No. 40 West by : : Land in Sy. No. 37 North by : : Land in Sy. No. 42 South by : Land in Sy. No. 38
Schedule 'B' Property: All that part and parcel of the Residential plot No. 152, falling under Sy. No. 38/2 in thye layout Known as "ROYAL SUNNYVALE" situated at Kammasandra Agrahara village, Kasaba Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Banglore District measuring East to West 12.19.meters(40 feet) and North to South 9.15 meters(30feet) and totally msg 111.53 meters(1200sft) with common facilities, right to use common Water, and Sanitary Lines provided in the layout along with easementary rights and bounded on the: East by : Road, West by : Plot No. 166, North by : Plot No. 151 South by : Plot No. 153.

2) Name and address of the Borrower: 1) Sri. Anand Reddy. C and 2) Smt.Pratima Anand Reddy i. Both at: #260, Garvebhavipalya, Near Nandi Toyota, Hosur Main Road, Madiwala post, Bangalore – 560 068. **ii. Also at:** #82, Khata No. 2233/4601/82, 5th Cross, Royal Hermitage Layout, Off Bannerghatta Road, Gottigere Village, Uttarahalli, Hobli, Bangalore-560 083. **iii. And also at:** # 50/7, 2nd and 3rd Floor, 39th Cross, 16th Main, Jayanagar 4th T Block Bangalore-560 041. **iv. And also at:** #Shri Kshetra Complex, 28th Main, 39th Cross, Above Karnataka Bank, Jayanagar 9th Block, Bangalore-560 069. **v. And also at:** #64, I st Cross, I st Main, BTM 2nd Stage, Bangalore-560 076
Account No: A/c. No. HTL 62248795979, 62248796224 SVR/21377/HL/53
Outstanding Loan Amount: Rs. 83,53,368/- (Rs. Eighty Three Lacs Fifty Three Thousand Three Hundred Sixty Eight only) as on **08.11.2020.** You are also liable to pay future interest from **09.11.2020** at the contractual rate on the aforesaid amount together with incidental expenses, cost, charges, etc.
NPA Date: 01.11.2020 **Demand Notice Date: 09.11.2020**
Description of the Immovable Properties: All that piece and parcel of the property consisting of 4 BHK Duplex House bearing No. 82, BBMP Khata No. 2233/4601/82, site measuring2400 sft and built up area 2700 sq ft, carved out of Sy Nos. 104/5, 104/7, & 105 of Gottigere Village, 5th Cross, Royal Hermitage Layout, Uttarahalli Hobli, Bangalore South bounded on: East by : Property No. 75, West by : Road, North by : Property No. 83, South by : Property No. 81.

3) Name and address of the Borrower: 1. M/s. Aswani Properties, # 911, Shri Kshetra Complex, 28th Main, 39th Cross, above Karnataka Bank, Jayanagar 9th Block, Bangalore-560 069. **Also at:** #64, I st Cross, I st Main, Off 7th Cross Road BTM 2nd Stage,Bangalore-560 076 **2. Mr. C. Ananda Reddy, Managing Partner, Aswani Properties,** at: # 50/7, 2nd and 3rd Floor, 39th Cross, 16th Main, Jayanagar 4th T Block Bangalore-560 041. **Also at:** #260, Garvebhavipalya, Near Nandi Toyota, Hosur Main road, Madiwala post, Bangalore – 560 068. **And also at:** #82, 5th Cross, Royal Hermitage Layout, Off Bannerghatta Road, Gottigere Village, Uttarahalli, Hobli, Bangalore-560 083. **3. Mr. Venkataramana Asula, Managing Partner, Aswani Properties,** No.1101, Bhagatsingh Nagar, Phase II, Sreekrishna Temple, Bommanahalli, Bangalore- 560 068. **(4) Guarantor: Mrs. Prathima A Reddy**
Account No: A/c. No. TL 62491323779
Outstanding Loan Amount: Rs. 32,13,883/- (Rupees Thirty Two Lakhs Thirteen Thousand Eight Hundred and Eighty Three Only) as on **08.11.2020.** You are also liable to pay future interest from **09.11.2020** at the contractual rate on the aforesaid amount together with incidental expenses, cost, charges, etc.
NPA Date: 24.09.2020 **Demand Notice Date: 09.11.2020**
Description of the Immovable Properties: All that piece and parcel of the property consisting of 4 BHK Duplex House bearing No. 82, BBMP Khata No. 2233/4601/82, site measuring 2400 sft and built up area 2700 sq ft carved out of Sy Nos. 104/5, 104/7, & 105 of Gottigere Village, 5th Cross, Royal Hermitage Layout, Uttarahalli Hobli, Bangalore South, property standing in the name of Sri. Anand Reddy and Mrs. Pratima A Reddy bounded on the: East by : Property No. 75, West by : 5th Cross Road, North by : Property No. 83, South by : Property No. 81 owned by Anand Reddy and Smt Pratima A Reddy.

The steps are being taken for substituted service of notice. The above Borrower(s) and or their Guarantor(s) (whenever applicable) are hereby called upon to make payment of outstanding amount within 60 days from the date of publication of this notice, failing which further steps will be taken after expiry of 60 days from the date of this notice under sub-section (4) of Section 13 of Securitization and Re-construction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002.You are also put on notice that in terms of sub-section 13 of Section 13, you shall not transfer by sale, lease or otherwise the said secured assets detailed in Schedule "C" Part II of this notice without obtaining written consent of the Bank.

Date : 28.11.2020 **Sd/- Authorised Officer & Chief Manager**
Place: Bangalore **State Bank of India**

Union Home Minister Amit Shah will visit Bhagyalakshmi temple in Hyderabad on Sunday, to take part in the Greater Hyderabad Municipal Corporation (GHMC) election campaign. Shah will reach the city around at 10 am, and will directly head to the temple from the airport

'PM Modi is a disappointment because he is the only hope'

Authors Rajeev Mantri and Harsh Madhusudan were speaking on Saturday at the 9th edition of the Odisha Literary Festival which is being conducted by *TNIE*

Rajeev Mantri | Pavan K Varma | H Madhusudan

PRIME Minister Narendra Modi is a disappointment only because he is the source of hope for the country said the authors of *A New Idea of India* — Rajeev Mantri and Harsh Madhusudan. They were speaking on November 28 at the ninth edition of the Odisha Literary Festival which is being conducted by The New Indian Express. Former Rajya Sabha MP and author Pavan K Varma, TNIE's Editorial Director Prabhu Chawla and journalist and author Kaveree Bamzai were part of the discussion.

Paraphrasing Samuel Huntington's quote on the USA, the authors call Prime Minister Narendra Modi a disappointment only because he is the hope. "What Narendra Modi has done, both on the fronts of economy and civilisation, especially in the one and a half years of his second term clearly states why he is the people's favourite," said Madhusudan.

Lakshmi, Saraswati and Durga are the embodiment of wealth knowledge and power, said Rajeev Mantri, the MD and Founder of Navam Capital and also the co-author of the book *A New Idea of India*. "As India becomes richer and a more prosperous country in the next few decades, it will naturally agglomerate power as well. The question for us then is what will we do with that power on the world stage. What will India use the power for? India has always had the chance of taking everyone along. But will also stand up for our own interests," he added.

Jawaharlal Nehru told JRD Tata not to use the word profit as he thought it's a dirty word but these two young authors beg to differ. "Even in Bollywood movies, the businessman or the rich person in the village would be the villain or at least the butt of all jokes. Even the current government which is considerably friendly towards profit motives had put a cap on the price of oxygen cylinders during the Coronavirus pandemic. But what happened was the packing charges increased considerably. The supply and demand will match no matter what. We still have a very hypocritical take on earning profits in sectors like education and health. But what happens is people who are politically connected are making money anyway. The book talks about that and the evolution that is going on the right path. We just wish to accelerate it. We're trying to synthesise between individual rights and the civilisational state," said Madhusudan.

There has been, without a doubt, a betrayal of the fundamentals of liberalism, said Pavan Varma, Former Rajya Sabha MP. "This betrayal has happened in the name of liberalism and there was a feeling that a course correction was required, which enabled us to proceed towards modernity while retaining in full measure the sensitivity to the wisdom of India's past. In other words, a young republic but with an ancient civilisation," said Varma.

Asit Mohanty

Dr Bijay Nayak

Gourahari Das

Saqti Mohanty

Why Odia authors believe their work fosters resilience

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Bhubaneswar

LITERATURE is a mirror to the past that plants the seeds of hope for a bright future, said speakers at the OLF 2020 session on the *Pandemic and its Impact on Odia Literature* on Saturday.

Authors Gourahari Das, Asit Mohanty, Bijay Nayak and Saqti Mohanty told senior journalist Kaveree Bamzai that Odia literature has seen two books which are collections of short stories and poems titled *Haata Dhuaa Bela* and *Lockdown Kabita* respectively that depict the outbreak of the virus, the accompanying emotions of fear and uncertainty and celebrate the endurance of humanity. Both books were released recently.

The pandemic may be a new theme in Odia literature, but as an entity, it has witnessed epidemic, famine and natural calamities and taught its people resilience in these trying times, they said. Odia researcher Asit said in the last six to eight months, a number of literary pieces including stories and poetry on the Covid-19 pandemic have been produced by writers like Pratibha Ray, Bibhuti Patnaik, Rajani Mohanty, Tarun Kumar Sahoo, Iti Samanta, Gayatri Sarf and all of them are positive accounts of people dealing with Covid-19 situation. "Odia literature, in general, has depicted the resilient nature of humanity in the face of epidemics and natural calamities in the past," Asit said.

Similarly, writer and columnist Gourahari Das opined that even as Odisha has not seen any writings on the pandemic in the recent past, epidemics and natural calamities have been time and again explored by litterateurs in prose and poetry. Citing an example, he said *Rebati*– which is the first recorded short story in Odia literature written by Fakir Mohan Senapati and published in 1898 – that depicted the epidemic of cholera is an extremely significant piece of work even in contemporary times.

SUDHA MURTY ON THE JOYS OF STORYTELLING IN A DIFFICULT WORLD

SUDHA Murty's newest book provides a great sense of escapism amid a pandemic-riddled year. Titled *Grandparents' Bag of Stories*, it's a follow-up to Murty's 2015 book *Grandma's Bag of Stories* and is essentially designed as an engaging lockdown read for kids. "Most children are at home right now, their parents are working, they can't go out and libraries are closed, it's frustrating. I considered my own childhood, if I was a child in a shutdown, what would I have done? I would have gone to my grandparents' and If I were to get some time with my own grandchildren, I would make them understand that during this period you should help people. And you can learn a lot along the way," Murty told author Kaveree Bamzai during a session of the Odisha Literary Festival 2020.

Murty's 2004 book *How I Taught My Grandmother To Read and Other Stories*, was hailed as a poignant collection of non-fiction stories. Murty herself is a grandmother now and though her grandkids are currently in London, she explained how kids of this generation perceive storytelling differently. "When I tell my grandkids stories on Zoom, about the gods and demons and the mythology around the ocean churning, they tell me, 'Ajji, it's unfair, why couldn't they have given one nectar to the demons?' In life, you should be fair. It's difficult explaining to them why gods should always win, they are being brought up in a different culture. They think differently so I experiment with them," Murty shared.

Gram Panchayat elections: Parties get busy with cradle of grassroots politics

TEAM TNIE

LORD James Bryce (1838-1922), a British politician, diplomat and historian, once said: "The best school of democracy and the best guarantee for its success is the practice of local self-government."

Now, after Assembly, Lok Sabha and the recent by-polls, the political parties in Karnataka are gearing up for Gram Panchayat (GP) elections — the largest in terms of number of seats and candidates contesting. During the last GP polls in 2015, elections were conducted for 1,08,922 seats in 6,709 gram panchayats across the state.

Though dates are not yet announced, the run-up to the exercise at the very base of the political pyramid has already begun, and at a much more feverish pitch than before.

The GP polls are not fought on party symbols but have risen in significance as they focus on strengthening the presence of political parties through new and emerging leaders at the village level. Not surprisingly, they consider GP polls as the cradle of grassroots politics, where leaders are groomed.

In 1992, the 73rd amendment to the Constitution prescribed that panchayats be institutions of self-government devolving power to people at the local level to ensure their participation in economic development, social justice, and schemes and programmes.

To strengthen and enhance the efficiency of local governance, gram sabha (village assembly) was considered as the base of political structure, laying the foundation for grassroots democracy.

A political analyst said, "GPs act as an exchange between the state and society as any programme that the government implements reaches people through local bodies. It is an indicator to elections to higher echelons of power. So, GP elections are like a barometer for things to come."

Assistant Professor at the Public Administration Department at Central University Kalaburagi, Prof Kiran Gajanur, said that in the current situation, entire politics depends on grassroots-level workers. "Though the 73rd Constitutional amendment is clear that political parties should not involve in GP polls, all parties focus on them as they want to develop leaders at the grassroots level to win elections at higher levels," he said. "That is what we are seeing in Hyderabad where national leaders are coming for municipal elections. This is a new form of politics we are witnessing."

While BJP is making all efforts to continue its winning streak, Congress will be keen to make most of its support base to turn the tide in its favour after successive electoral debacles.

PREPARATIONS

The GP polls are likely to witness a triangular contest in the old Mysuru region with BJP emerging as a force to reckon with.

The BJP has started its Gram Swaraj conventions from November 27 to December 3, eyeing a maximum number of panchayats. The Congress, which lost the by-polls and wants to come back strongly, is also preparing to win as many panchayats as possible. A struggling JDS is hit by discontent within the party, but is scouting ways to regain its lost ground. State JDS youth wing president Nikhil Kumaraswamy said they plan to call a meeting of all district presidents to draw an action plan for the polls.

BIG PICTURE

Congress MLC Dharmasena said that the party is informing people about programmes and funds given by the previous government to strengthen the panchayat system.

In the coastal belt, all the parties, including BJP, Congress, JDS and Social Democratic Party of India (SDPI), have started scouting for best candidates. BJP Dakshina Kannada president M Sudarshan said that candidate selection is not easy because of high number of aspirants, but they are trying to strike a balance with their own strategies.

Sources from all parties said that local issues, like roads, water supply and other infrastructure and candidates' rapport and goodwill with voters, would matter a lot.

"Assembly elections are two-and-a-half years away, and this is the ideal time for parties to mobilise the rural base. That is why GP polls assume importance," said BJP district general secretary Chandrashekhargouda Patil Halageri in Koppal district. Congress and JDS functionaries too echoed similar views.

The GP polls have kept hopes of many alive. For instance, 63-year-old Kumaraswamy in Tumakuru, who was the 'pradhan' of Beladhara Mandal Panchayat when Ramakrishna Hegde was the chief minister, has not lost interest even now. "I am eager to contest this time too and show my grit as the original leader, setting an example for the youth," he said.

In Sira, which saw the Assembly by-poll recently, more action is expected. But that is not going down well with new GP poll aspirants. Yalapenahalli Jayanna rued, "It's difficult for us to contest the polls as Sira recently witnessed a huge flow of money during the by-poll and the electorate expect a similar treatment."

WHAT IS IN IT FOR MAIN PARTIES

FOR BJP

The ruling BJP, which has managed to do well after the 2018 Assembly polls, is going all guns blazing to continue its winning streak. The party is trying to further strengthen its hold over grassroots politics. It has considerable presence across the state, except in Old Mysuru region. But after its good show in the 2019 Lok Sabha elections and Assembly bypolls, the party is confident of doing well in the local body polls too. State BJP president Naleen Kumar Kateel said that the party will use all its resources to win GP polls, as they are a forum to nurture future leaders. The party has formed teams headed by senior ministers which will visit all districts and oversee preparations. "We are confident of winning 80 per cent of all seats," said a senior BJP leader. The party will have a war room, call centres in all districts and also committees at booth level.

FOR CONGRESS

A party that is looking to revive its fortunes, GP polls are crucial to retain its hold in rural areas. It did well in the last elections in 2015 as the party was in power at that time. "We won 63,980 of 91,402 seats," said KPCC working president Saleem Ahmed. The GP elections are significant as local bodies play an important role in directly addressing problems faced by people at village level, he added. "We are confident of winning a majority of seats as the government has failed on all fronts, from fighting the Covid pandemic to providing relief to those affected by floods. People are unhappy with the government," he said. Party workers at the booth level have already started preparations.

FOR JDS

The JDS, which is fighting an existential battle after humiliating defeats in Assembly, Lok Sabha and bypolls, will try to retain its hold at the grassroots level, at least in Old Mysuru region.

ALERT

Failure to do well at the local body elections will make it very difficult for Congress and JDS leaders' attempts to revive the party ahead of the next Assembly elections.

Inputs from: Ramu Patil/Bengaluru, K Shivakumar/Mysuru, Vincent D'Souza/Mangaluru, Raghu Koppar/Gadag, Shreepada Ayachit/Koppal, Mallikarjun Hiremath/Dharwad Hirehalli Devaraja/Tumakuru, V Velayudham/Kolar, Ramkrishna Badseshi/Kalaburagi, Ramachandra Gunari/Shivamogga

RIVER ROW

Water level in Mahadayi down due to diversion by Karnataka, claims Goa CM

NAUSHAD BIJAPUR @ Belagavi

CLAIMING that the water level in the Mahadayi river had receded due to diversion of water by Karnataka through the Kalasa-Banduri nala, Goa Chief Minister Pramod Sawant said there is no question of any out-of-court settlement in the water-sharing dispute. Despite attempts being made by the Karnataka government to find an amicable solution, the Goa CM clearly stated that his government will not get into any kind of negotiations with neighbouring Karnataka outside the Supreme Court on the Mahadayi issue.

Dr Sawant's statement that his government is against an out-of-court settlement of the Mahadayi issue comes days after Shankargouda Patil, Karnataka's representative in New Delhi, issued a statement that the Goa CM was keen on an amicable solution to any issue related to strengthening relations between the two states.

Recently, Shankargouda Patil had met Sawant in Panjim and held discussions on various social and economic issues related to both states.

Speaking to the media in Goa, the CM said he had also clarified the stand of his state on Mahadayi to party national general secretary C T Ravi, who is in charge of Goa.

The Goa government has already filed a contempt petition in the Supreme Court against Karnataka alleging that the latter diverted Mahadayi water through Kalasa nala. However, Karnataka Water Resources Minister Ramesh Jarkiholi, who spoke to *TNIE* recently, had stated that the Goa government filed a false contempt petition and that the neighbouring state will certainly get a jolt in the court. "The Karnataka government never violated the orders of Mahadayi Water Dispute Tribunal or Supreme Court in the Mahadayi issue," Jarkiholi had stressed.

The contention of the Goa government in its petition to the apex court that Karnataka demolished the check-wall constructed in Kalasa nala to divert Mahadayi water illegally is false. Soon after the Supreme Court orders, Karnataka raised a huge wall in Kalasa nala (at the Mahadayi project site in Kanakumbi) to halt the flow of Mahadayi river water. Several teams had visited the spot to inspect the wall after it was built, Jarkiholi said, adding that it was unfair of the Goa government to contend that Karnataka had diverted water by demolishing the wall.

SHIVAMOGGA CITY CORPORATION, SHIVAMOGGA

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Short Term Tender Notification (Through e-Procurement)

Shivamogga City Corporation limits the following tenders are invited in single cover system through E-Procurement portal as per Karantaka Transparency in Public Procurement rules 1999-2000 and act 2000 and as per standard tender Document rules for carrying out the following works. The interested tenders can obtain the details through e Procurement portal **www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in**

1) Last date to apply for the tender through e procurement payment on 04.12.2020 (upto 4 pm). 2) Date of opening of tender bid through e procurement on 05.12.2020 (after 4.30 pm). 3) For more Details can be obtained through e-procurement portal and other details can obtained through office during office hours. 4) Time for completion for works : 4 Months.

Sl No		Name of the Work	Approx Amount (Rs in Laks)	E M D Amount (in Rupees)	Grants	Reservation	Class of Contractor
1	109118	Under Shivamogga city corporation limits ward no 17 Draupadamma circle from Habib Khan house to Ismail Khan house Constructions of C C Drainage and Deck Slab work.	2.00	5000.00	20019-20th General fund Grant	Others	Class III and above
2	109113	Under Shivamogga City Corporation limits ward no 17 upto Gopala Gowda Extension 'C' block Constructions of CC Drainage and Deck Slab work.	3.00	7500.00	20019-20th General fund Grant	Others	Class III and above
3	104720 / Call -2	Package 6 : 1) Ward No 3 Devlopment of Park in front of Gayathri mandir 2) Ward No 4 Development of Park under Honnalli fly over.	40.00	80000.00	2019-20th S.F.C Special Grant	Others	Class I
4	104726 / Call -2	Package 8 : 1) Ward No 03 Development of Park in front Jain Temple 2nd Stage of Basaveshwara Nagara.	30.00	60000.00	2019-20th S.F.C Special Grant	Others	Class I
5	105836 / Call – 2	Package 11 : 1) Ward no 7 Development of Guruguha Veena Shatamanotsava Park 2) Ward No.18 Development of Vinobanagra Netaji park.	45.00	90000.00	2019-20th S.F.C Special Grant	Others	Class I
6	104785 / Call-2	Package 13: 1) Ward No 30 Development of Park around Water Tank, Behind J P N School 2) Ward No 13 Development of Park in Kote Road.	40.00	80000.00	2019-20th S.F.C Special Grant	Others	Class I
7	104732 / Call-2	Package 14: 1) Ward No 3 Development of park in Basaveshwara Nagara Oxford School.	30.00	60000.00	2019-20th S.F.C Special Grant	Others	Class I
8	104610 / Call-2	Package 03: 1) Ward No 15 Behind Vidya Nagar 1st cross Development of Lal Bahadhadur Shastry Extension Park , 2) Ward No 16 Development of Park in Dummalli Road Indira Colony.	40.00	80000.00	20019-20th General fund Grant	Others	Class I

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"Anything worth doing is worth overdoing" — Mick Jagger

BANKS FOR BILLIONAIRES IN RBI'S WONDERLAND

THE THIRD EYE

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LITERATURE frequently offers eloquent illustration of the evolution of public policy. In Lewis Carroll's *Alice's Adventures in Wonderland*, Alice asks the Cheshire Cat: "Would you tell me, please, which way I ought to go from here?" The Cat points out pertinently: "That depends a good deal on where you want to get to." Alice says, "I don't much care where…" to which the Cat says, "Then it doesn't matter which way you go". The Q&A is an eloquent metaphor for the fog enveloping policy discourse.

Last week, the Reserve Bank of India released the Report of the RBI's Internal Working Group to Review Extant Ownership Guidelines and Corporate Structure for Indian Private Sector Banks. The 100-page report, riveted with history and international practices, is pious intent wrapped in the thesis that one necessarily, with or without sufficient conditions, leads to the other. To confound consensus, it came embedded with what digital platforms call 'click-bait'. Recommendation No 14 mooted that "large corporate/industrial houses may be permitted to promote banks".

The distrust of moneyed folks managing public money has a long troubled history. In 1913, a committee led by Louisiana Congressman Arsène Paulin Pujo in the United States to investigate 'concentration of control of money and credit' by a cartel found officers of J P Morgan and the group held "341 directorships on 112 corporations". Fifty years later in India, in the run-up to nationalisation of banks, detailed in my book '*Accidental India*', a committee on banking revealed a lethal corporate nexus — directors of 20 leading banks held 1,452 directorships and controlling interests in 1,100 companies.

Yet, five decades after the 1969 nationalisation of banks, the committee found merit in changing the status quo — even though, curiously, by the committee's own admission, "all experts except one" were against allowing large corporate/industrial houses to promote a bank. The suggestion triggered pungent criticisms. Social media posts went abuzz with posts/memes about Ambani and Adani, Tatas and Birlas setting up banks.

It is entirely plausible that the business houses may be interested in setting up banks as ventures to further diversification and expansion — for instance, Mukesh Ambani to accelerate growth of the Jio platform and Gautam Adani for expanding his footprint in infrastructure. Be that as it may, in the rapidly evolving financial sector, would an industrial house though want to/need to own a bank when the option of 15 per cent non-promoter holding backed by proxy of funds can influence outcomes?

The question that begs to be asked is if ownership be the cause or quality of regulation. The fact is the RBI is in-charge of competing compulsions and is, therefore, incapacitated where it matters the most. In theory, the RBI armed with the Banking Regulation Act of 1949 wields de jure powers which far outweigh the facts of ownership — from appointments to superseding of boards. Yet — as validated by scams and failures, of private banks and more importantly in public sector banks — much is left to be desired.

Interestingly, there is no pushback on industrial houses managing financial assets such as mutual funds and insurance companies — for instance, the Birlas, Tatas, Mahindra, and Sundaram among others. Again some of India's better run non-banking financial companies, trusted by depositors and borrowers, are run by industrial houses — for instance Bajaj Finance and Mahindra Finance.

It is true that concentration of economic power aggravates asymmetry in society and worsens inequality. Equally, the absence of access to banking has only exacerbated the march of inequality. The Report sets the context stating that the aspirations of the Indian economy for the future "may require a fundamental rethink of current regulatory stance towards the question of how a banking business should be organised."

India does need more banking? But do more banks equal more banking? Is capacity the issue? Mind you in the past six years, the government has added 410 million new accounts under the PM's Jan Dhan banner purely by leveraging existing capacity. Yet, those in the informal economy continue to be denied credit. Agriculture is a priority sector but in practice norms are diluted and lending de-risked through instruments such as RIDF. India Post with over 150,000 branches, best placed to garner savings and deliver credit, is a victim of systemic neglect.

The crux of the issue is the approach. What needs to be done must follow who needs banking the most. As elsewhere, the demand and supply of credit for the urban economy may migrate from banks to bond markets. To foster growth, the focus has to be on addressing the unbanked at the bottom of the pyramid. This requires dismantling of brick and mortar mind-set, crafting an eco-system which can leverage the power of technology, enabling platforms for network effect.

Evidently all of this demands policy innovation. To paraphrase Lewis Carroll, it is no use going back to yesterday as India was a different economy then.

THAROOR-STYLE NON-STOP STIMULATION

POINT OF VIEW

T J S GEORGE

SHASHI Tharoor seems to be a non-stop writing machine. He is a busy man — Member of Parliament, in-demand public speaker, international traveller and what not. In the midst of all that, he finds the time and the energy to turn out not just any book, but thick volumes full of research and analysis. The latest is typical. Its main title itself suggests a sweeping canvass: "*The Battle of Belonging*."

The subtitle brings out the scope of the extended survey: "On nationalism, patriotism and what it means to be Indian." Handsomely published by Aleph, the book is 408 pages thick, not counting the 25-page long bibliography and a dozen pages of index. How does he achieve this when mundane scribblers like me sweat it out for months to complete a 200-page pretence of a book.

He covers everything, from basics like what is a nation and how the concepts of nationalism emerged, to how Subramania Bharati enriched nationalism and how the idea of India is under threat today from those who seek not just to rule India but also to change India. He, himself, is an unusual example of a nationalist. Born in Britain, he was entitled to a British passport. But he never applied for one.

That is where he distinguishes himself compared to people like me. Long years of travel left me regretting that I had an Indian passport. Immigration offices across the world had contempt for Indian passport holders. They saw Indians as citizenship-seekers or as people ready to break laws in order to make a living. Numerous are the times I felt humiliated at foreign immigration counters. Those were occasions when I regretted not getting a foreign passport when I could. The battle of belonging that people like Shashi Tharoor have to fight is a battle they can win. Ordinary citizens can never win such a battle.

Tharoor brings out the crux of the problem in a sentence that goes like this: "The British writer David Goodhart has interestingly argued that in the global battle between the 'anywheres' (cosmopolitans comfortable anywhere in the world, flitting between business-class lounges and five-star hotels, the votaries of globalisation who thought of themselves as citizens of the world) and the 'somewheres' (those rooted in a place, a land, an ethnicity, a religion, and local assumptions and traditional prejudices), the 'somewheres' had won."

Tharoor dwells on a subtle point that made British colonialism a failure because it was fundamentally racist while French colonialism was a relative success because it had no trace of racism. A British writer, curious about an impeccably dressed African in his flight, asked where the African was from and was told: "Me? I am French." Not even the most favoured maharajah would have thought of saying: "Me? I'm British." The French had colonies but they were never seen as racially inclined snobs.

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Is nationalism a negative sentiment in contrast to patriotism which is largely positive? Tharoor lines up a string of quotations to show how different people looked at this question from different angles. He opens up for us a world of thought where multiple interpretations are available to the reader on a one-touch basis as it were.

On the face of it, nationalism is in clash with what has become known as globalisation. So, how do we reconcile with both? Leaders of the French Revolution held the view that the Rights of Man that they declared were valid for all people everywhere. They swore by "the ability of nationalism and religion, alone among all forms of allegiance, to give moral sanction to martyrdom and violence."

Ideologically, Tharoor, of course, is inclined against the BJP. He draws attention to the BJP's "propping up of an idealized leader", the increasing autocracy under its rule and the "overt demonization" of Muslims who are "delegitimised as a treacherous permanent foreign element amidst 'true' Indians". The use of questionable means in the BJP's "quest for absolute power" is seen as a "departure from the idea of India celebrated by Tagore, achieved by Gandhi and implemented by Nehru and his comrades".

It is not easy to fault Tharoor's intellectualised analysis of the problems he handles. He brings in a touch of logic and gets it backed by an array of authorities and authors he quotes from. That almost every page has footnotes referring to a galaxy of earlier authors gives the impression that his views are well founded. They certainly are well argued. Even those who disagree with him will have to agree that Tharoor is a stimulating thinker.

NO RSVP FOR THE GANDHIS NOW

POWER & POLITICS

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THIS is not a requiem for a friend. It is a bittersweet celebration of relevance. People are dispensable, but individuals are not. Personalities who have shaped institutions through individuality and invisible inimitability become institutions themselves. One such edifice was Ahmed Patel, the Grand Old Vizier of the Grand Old Party, mentor and friend to prime ministers and Congress presidents, and the Caliph of Concord who could reach out across political fences to mend them and establish a confluent conversation whose skein still holds.

In New Age Indian politics, it's only individuals who dominate discourse and direction. Ideologies are tradable products. Individuals are the connectors, influencers, facilitators and mediators. Patel was that rare person who was all these above, rolled into one. His unexpected passing at the age of 71 will have nation-wide influence not only on the Congress, but also the pan-political narrative. He was a Fakir with Facets: loyal, affable, hard working but smilingly secretive. To those in the know, he was the most visible of all low- profile Congressmen. Now that the GOP has lost its credible link between its past and the present, and the old and the young, the disintegrated national Opposition will find it tough to mutually connect and bond with the Congress.

Ahmed Patel was both an idea and an ideator, defining a bygone Congress where amiable enmity was temporary. He was the force behind keeping his party relevant in spite of its twice blighted routs, the unseen hand that ensured the political relevance of its highly visible master mascots. At a time when the Family faces the worst-ever revolt from within since Indira Gandhi did in 1969, Patel was able to limit the dissatisfaction to vocal dissent without allowing the anger to escalate into a coup. Through persuasion and firmness, he successfully prevented the rebels from taking on the Gandhis directly. Now with him gone, the G Gang is unlikely to find an equally dedicated messenger to carry their message to followers. Ahmed Patel was the priest who delivered the blessings of the gods to their devotees without adding his own mantra. He was the high priest of silent action.

The 130-year-old Congress is now fatigued with political asthma. Patel was its only oximeter. After the party's abominable show in the Bihar Assembly elections, the electoral efficacy of the Gandhis is now in question. A large majority of Congressmen are convinced that the G-Gene cannot incapacitate invincible Modi. They feel la famiglia has not only failed to provide an alternative agenda to the nation, but has also let down the organisation by foisting leaders with little grassroots connectivity and credibility.

The Congress has lost its claim to be the national Opposition's voice after Ahmedbhai's death. Only, he could make meetings between egotistical and temperamental Opposition leaders and keep Sonia Gandhi wrinkle-free. Ever since the Congress lost the Centre in 2014, the symbiosis between the Gandhis and their own satraps, too, has been fading. Rahul has been a politician for the past 16 years, wielding immense power without responsibility. There has never been before two centres of powers in the Congress. Ever since Sonia became the party president in 1998, she has been dependent on her children and Patel to manage the oscillating outfit. It was after the NDA's accidental ouster in 2004 when she acquired humungous clout.

The party's Indraprastha Redux was marked by the entry of Rahul as a Lok Sabha member and later as the party general secretary. Unlike his father Rajiv, who customised the Congress with professionals while retaining relationships with his mother's loyalists, the son chose to operate from a highly secured habitat, restricting the old Congress warhorses to the stables.

Currently, the party is at war with itself. Sonia is not keeping well, and Rahul is expected not only to become an integral part of the Congress but also give it a new slogan and action plan. Moreover, in coalition politics, he has to manifest his moxie in reaching out to political parties. Unfortunately, he hasn't shown any inclination to engage with either his own senior leaders or the Opposition. Even during his brief stint as party chief, he was more into Modi-bashing than reviving his organisation using his own stamp and temper. Though he is more acerbic and focussed on the anti-Modi agenda than his colleagues, Rahul 3.0 is unable to rally his army behind his agitational and confrontationist campaign.

Perhaps, Rahul's inability to rise as

an alternative national leader lies in the Congress ecosystem itself. The party's karma seems to suffer under the Gandhi stewardship. True leaders are born through renunciation and renewal like Indira and Sonia who gained fame, authority and verisimilitude through aggressive accommodation. and took the highest office in the land. Indira became India's first woman prime minister by first adopting all-party factions and later trouncing her rivals through the democratic process. She used her office to build herself up as the country's mightiest monarch. She split the Congress and created an alternative organisation. The Prime Ministerial label was her lethal weapon. The Congress became Indira.

After her assassination, Rajiv, then an MP, succeeded her in the dark shadow of mob riots and mourning. Though he lost a second term, he carried his party and Opposition leaders along because he was an ex-prime minister and not just another Gandhi. The clan lost both party and power under the Machiavellian but uncharismatic Narasimha Rao who couldn't retain his grip on the outfit. Instead of taking direct control of the Congress, Sonia and her promoters installed Sitaram Kesri as an interim president to be ejected in 1998 and replaced by herself. Till 2004, she kept building and rebuilding bridges with known adversaries, making alliances with just about anyone. She installed a non-BJP government at the Centre. But it was her decision to decline the PM post that made her the most acceptable leader of the ruling alliance. With Manmohan Singh as the prime minister, Sonia and her team drove the government during the first term. She became more powerful than the prime minister because she made a rare sacrifice.

But Rahul possesses no such virtues. His loyalists believe he committed a cardinal mistake by not joining the government as a minister or the prime minister when Manmohan Singh offered to quit in his favour. They feel RG as Chief Executive even for a short term would have added gravitas and a degree of official authority to his persona a la papa. It was obvious the Congress would have lost the 2014 election anyway. But as an ex-prime minister, not a former Congress president, Rahul would have been a unifying and not a divisive personality. He sidelined leaders like Patel. He ignored senior faces and failed in creating credible political architecture. Now when the nation needs a healthy Opposition, there is nobody in the Congress who has the glue to bring other party pashas together on one platform.

With Patel also died the alpha messenger — the flag bearer of unadulterated unity of purpose. While the Congress faces the real threat of disintegration, the Opposition parties will have to fight Mighty Modi and his Mann ka Mantra on their own only to bite the dust — from ashes to ashes, from dust to dust. But even before the dust has settled on Ahmed bhai's legacy, the last dream of the Gandhis to stay on as their party's eternal beacon may already be turning to dust.

QUOTE CORNER

Once again, the evil hands of global arrogance were stained with the blood of the mercenary usurper Zionist regime. The assassination of martyr (Mohsen) Fakhrizadeh shows our enemies' despair and the depth of their hatred

Hassan Rouhani, Iranian president

Sitting in front of you is a chief executive of the Hong Kong SAR who has no banking service made available to her. I have piles of cash at home, the government is paying me cash for my salary because I don't have an account

Carrie Lam, Hong Kong chief executive

Those who apply the law must respect the law. I will never accept that the gratuitous violence of some stains the professionalism of the men and women who work courageously to protect us in our daily lives

Emmanuel Macron, French president

MAILBAG WRITE TO letters@newindianexpress.com

Voters want separate choices

Elections are gauges of the people's mood which in turn reflect the performance of governments. If, as PM Modi pitches for, there is only one election in five years, the people miss that opportunity to express their approval or disapproval for next five years. Democracy suffers in the process. Though some hold the view that voters vote one party for states and another for the Centre depending on their expectations, this is mostly not the case. How will then they register their disapproval of a party without some election in the middle somewhere? And how will the party in power make amends unless it gets to know the people's mood?

Geetha BK, Mangaluru

Reforms must for education

This is with reference to "Borderless Universities across the bay of Bengal" (Nov 28). The author has greatly forecasted the hindrances of liberating traditional formal education from the shackles of government and hurdles of finance for the students without borders. It is a novel idea for consideration by the Government. He made an actual prognosis that is real and practical. The higher education sector in India has to wake up from its hibernation for surpassing the previous glory and legacy of India's record in education in ancient times. The higher educational sectors of IT, Business Management, Pharmaceutical Science, Science and Technology, Space and IOT are prime areas to be considered for opening up admission for international students across the globe that have huge demand. India needs to strengthen new ways to attract students and yearn foregin exchange to India and its economy.

Chilaka Venkateswarlu, Chennai

Time to end farm distress

It is with reference to the news, "Farmers junk government claim of division in ranks " (Nov 28). Agriculture still remains the primary source of income to many across the nation. When the nation is battling its toughest battle against the pandemic, why did the BJP government choose this inappropriate time for the ordinances? Though the central government is making all claims, why is the central component of Minimum Support Price not assured in the laws? The farmers want a viable return for their produce, rightfully. Setting aside their egos, both the Centre and the farmers' unions should work out an amicable solution to put an end to the ongoing agitation.

P Victor Selvaraj, Palayamkottai

Good decision by Delhi govt

It was good to learn that the Delhi government on Friday refused permission to the police to turn nine of the city's stadiums into temporary detention centers for the protesting farmers from Punjab and Haryana. According to the farmers, the new laws would make them vulnerable to exploitation by big corporations and weaken the government's procurement system, as part of which the government buys staples from them, such as wheat and rice, at guaranteed prices. Delhi government's stance is highly commendable. I welcome it. Farmers are protesting for better returns. Protesting peacefully is their constitutional right. Then why are farmers, the sons of the Indian soil, being attacked? Why are their voices being suppressed? The Central Government must give farmers their rights.

B Ahsanullah, Delhi

Why selective targeting?

In Gujarat's Rajkot city, five Covid patients have been killed when a fire broke out in a hospital. Had it been happened in the state of Kerala, those who named our Health Minister KK Sailaja Teacher as "Covid Rani", might have gone a further step by demanding her designation. Some politicians are shying away for accepting the achievements of the opposition parties fearing their own sustainability. This is cowardice. Sorry, I am defending my native State, Kerala, as a Keralite and not the Left Democratic Front Government of Kerala as a CPM loyalist. To be frank, I am a Congress loyalist, with a difference.

Mohan Menon, Thrissur

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TWEETS OF THE DAY

Anurag Thakur @ianuragthakur
J-K believes in the politics of ballot, not the politics of bullet. People are agitated with politics of Gupkar Gang. They do not believe in the divisive politics.

Sanjay Raut @rautsanjay61
When he was CM, Fadnavis had threatened that he had 'kundlis' (details) of political opponents. What kind of language was that?

Dilip Ghosh @DilipGhoshBJP
TMC's days are over. They have the police in their control, even then people are joining us, which means the party is now finished

MEDIA FREEDOM

Withdraw rule on foreign content: Guild

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ New Delhi

THE Editors Guild of India has expressed its concern over a recent advisory by the Press Council of India (PCI) cautioning the media on 'unregulated circulation' of 'foreign content'. The Guild said it was perturbed by the 'unprovoked advisory' and urged the Council to immediately withdraw advisory. It questioned what the term 'unregulated circulation' meant.

Several publications in the country have the licence to reproduce content from foreign agencies, newspapers and periodicals and the decision is a prerogative of the editor who is responsible for the published content.

"A reiteration by the Council at this juncture of this established practice in an ominous sounding advisory, has disturbing implications," the statement said. The PCI had said in its advisory that it had considered references from various quarters by the government about the responsibility of Indian newspapers in publishing foreign contents.

The Council said it advised media to publish foreign extracts with due verification or the reporter, publisher and editor of the publication would be responsible for the contents irrespective of the source.

"Through this advisory, it appears that the Council, which swears by self-regulation of media and believes that any government interference would be destructive to press freedom, is lending its weight towards a step that could bring in some form of censorship and punitive actions against those organisations that publish content, which in its view is seen as not desirable, " Council said.

Farmers from Punjab and Haryana got support from the Bharatiya Kisan Union of Uttar Pradesh too for their protest against the farm laws

BKU activists lay siege to major highways

NAMITA BAJPAI @ Lucknow

AMID heavy security deployment, farmers groups led by the Bharatiya Kisan Union (BKU) held sit-in protests across several districts of western Uttar Pradesh blocking highways in support of the farmers of Haryana and Punjab who marched towards New Delhi on Friday against the new farm laws passed by the central government.

Around 200 farmers led by BKU leader Rakesh Tikait arrived at UP Gate (Ghazipur border). After the police, both of UP and Delhi, talked to the farmer leaders, the latter decided to park their vehicles in line at the designated spot and stay put at Ghazipur border.

While talking to media persons, BKU leader Tikait said the farmers had symbolically entered the National Capital and now they would decide their next strategy at the Ghazipur border. Sources said the farmers could spend the night at the border.

The BKU leader reiterated the demands of the agitating farmers saying, "We want guarantee in Minimum Support Price (MSP). We are going to discuss with other farmer groups and then decide out future course of action," he maintained.

Earlier, before marching towards Delhi by driving a tractor himself on Saturday forenoon, the BKU leader had claimed that the Central government had failed to address the issues of the farmers.

"The government has failed to address the issues of the farmers. We are proceeding to Delhi now. We demand that there should a provision stating that there will be no sale of produce below the Minimum Support Price (MSP)," said Tikait.

Meanwhile, coming out in support of the demonstrating farmers, Samajwadi Party chief Akhilesh Yadav took on the Centre saying. Treating farmers with such dereliction has never been done by any party except the BJP. These are the same people who had told farmers that they would not only waive loans but would also bring in policies to double farmers' income."

Bharatiya Kisan Union (BKU) leader Rakesh Tikait leads a rally, during their 'Delhi Chalo' protest march against the new farm laws in Ghaziabad | SHEKHAR YADAV

Khattar lying, won't talk to him now, says Punjab CM

HARPREET BAJWA @ Chandigarh

STRONGLY rebutting Haryana Chief Minister Manohar Lal Khattar claim of not responding to his repeated calls, his Punjab counterpart Amarinder Singh on Saturday accused Khattar of brazenly lying and sought his apology for "inflicting brutality" on farmers.

Khattar had hit out at the Punjab CM on Saturday, claiming that he tried to reach Amarinder several times over the past three days to talk on the farmers issue, but the latter he did not respond to his telephone calls.

Junking the claim, Amarinder said, "Khattar is lying that he tried calling me earlier and I did not respond. But now, after what he has done to my farmers, I will not speak to him even if he calls me 10 times. Unless he apologises and admits that he did wrong with Punjab's farmers, I will not forgive him."

Khattar had accused the Punjab CM of "only tweeting and running away from talks" with him. He said his office tried to contact the Punjab CM on six to seven occasions and "every time his staff used to say we will soon get back and then they used to give the plea that the CM was busy in a meeting".

Rebutting the claim, Singh said if he could talk to the prime minister and the Union home minister so many times on the farmers' issue, why wouldn't he take the calls from a neighbouring chief minister, if he had truly called earlier?"

Alleging a conspiracy, Khattar also said that some political parties and organisations in Punjab are 'sponsoring' the farmers' stir. Responding to that, Amarinder said, "Don't I have better things to do than to incite farmers?"

YOUNG FARMER HELD AS 'HERO' BOOKED FOR ATTEMPT TO MURDER

HARPREET BAJWA @ Chandigarh

NAVDEEP Singh, a young farmer from Ambala who flung himself from his tractor trolley towards the police water cannon to turn it off has been booked by the Haryana Police on charges of attempt to murder, rioting and violation of Coivd-19 norms.

A graduate from Kurukshetra University, he is son of a local farmer activist Jai Singh Jalbera. On Nov 25 during the farmers' march towards Delhi on NH-44 (Amritsar-Delhi), he jumped off his moving tractor-trolley to the water cannon vehicle Varun which was spraying water on the agitating farmers near the grain market at Ambala Cantt. He turned the tap off and jumped back to his moving tractor-trolley. The video showing him went viral and many praised his "heroic act."

> I have no issues with the police. They did their job and we are doing ours
>
> Navdeep Singh, Farmer

The Haryana Police have registered a case of attempt to murder, rioting and violation of COVID-19 norms on him and Bharatiya Kisan Union Haryana, president Gurnam Singh Chaduni at Parao police station in Ambala. They have been accused of breaking police barricades at Mohra village in Ambala Cantt and trying to run the police personnel over.

Navdeep said the farmers have the rights to organize peaceful protests. "I have no issues with the police — they did their job and we are doing ours."

The Haryana Police on Friday registered two cases against unidentified protesting farmers at Meham.

Oppn lambasts govt for waging war on farmers

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ New Delhi

SEVERAL political parties including the Left, the NCP, the DMK and the RJD have slammed the Centre for action against the protesting farmers. They have issued a joint statement saying that teargasing, heavy water cannoning, roadblocks, police barricades and digging up the national highways surrounding Delhi akin to waging a 'war' on our farmers.

"Braving severe repression, teargasing, heavy water cannoning, roadblocks, police barricades and digging up the national highways surrounding Delhi akin to waging a 'war' on our farmers, tens of thousands of farmers have successfully reached the National Capital of Delhi. We salute their determination and courage in this massive protest demanding the withdrawal of the retrograde anti-Kisan agri laws," they said.

"This ground is too small for the thousands who have reached Delhi. We undersign demand that a larger ground like Ram Lila Maidan or similar must be allotted for this peaceful protesters and arrangements must be made for stay and food," they added.

The leaders signing the joint statement include Sharad Pawar (NCP), T R Baalu (DMK), Sitaram Yechury (CPI-M), D Raja(CPI), Manoj Jha(RJD), Dipankar Bhattacharya(CPI-ML) and Manoj Bhattacharya(RSP).

"We reiterate our opposition to these new agri-laws... The Centre... address the concerns of farmers."

Serum to apply for emergency vaccine use authorisation

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SII, on the other hand, has partnered with AstraZeneca-Oxford University to scale up the production of Covishield, which is also being tested on 1,600 volunteers in India.

"The PM's visit serves as a great inspiration to our team," Bharat Biotech said.

Zydus Cadila, which is testing a DNA-based vaccine, said it is committed to the Atmanirbhar Bharat Mission and to provide the nation safe and efficacious vaccines, therapeutics and diagnostics for fighting Covid.

Following the PM's visit, SII CEO Adar Poonawala said in a virtual press conference that his company will apply to the country's drug regulator for emergency use authorisation of Covishield in the next two weeks.

Interim analysis of the vaccine, from its late-stage trial in Brazil and the UK, showed that its average efficacy in two different dosing regimens was 70.4%. Poonawala said that the Oxford vaccine will first be used in India and African countries. "The vaccine will be affordable and accessible to everyone," he said.

AMIT SHAH'S OFFER FOR TALKS WELCOME STEP: AMARINDER

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BKU (Rajewal Group) general secretary Omkar Singh said the home minister's offer would be discussed in the Sunday meeting of all the 30 farm unions.

Punjab CM Amarinder Singh, meanwhile, urged the farmers to heed to Shah's appeal, saying it was in the best interest of the farming community and the nation at large."Shah's offer to advance talks with farmers from December 3, and his statement reflecting the Centre's willingness to listen to the farmers was a welcome step," he said.

Earlier in the day, the agitating Punjab and Haryana farmers said they were contemplating sealing the borders of the national capital and staying put at the Singhu and Tikri borders of Delhi. "We might seal the borders of the national capital and stay put at the borders for as long as it takes but it is just a plan. The final decision will be taken by all the leaders in their meetings, which are being held on a regular basis. As of now we are at the Singhu and Tikri borders of Delhi," a farm leader said.

While there was no untoward incident on Saturday, traffic movement on both the national highways continued to be disrupted as the farmers refused to move to Burari where the Delhi Police have allowed the farmers to hold their protest.

Farmers from Uttar Pradesh also closed in on Delhi, with hundreds of them reaching the Ghazipur border with their vehicles on Saturday afternoon.

In the meantime, the more than 6,000 farmers gathered at the Singhu border with their tractors and trolleys said they were ready for the long haul. They said they had enough food and essentials for the next six months. They are also equipped with proper blankets, mattresses and pillows.

The farmers dismissed allegations that the protests were being engineered by Khalistanis. "There are thousands of Sikhs here and every family has sent one child to serve in the army," said Hari Singh from Kapurthala.

Delhi Police officials said they were talking to the farmers to move to Burari. "We are in talks with the representatives of the farmers' organisations to move them to the Burari ground," said a senior police official.

Bansal appointed AICC interim treasurer after Patel's demise

RICHA SHARMA @ New Delhi

FORMER Union minister **Pawan Bansal** has been appointed as the interim treasurer of the All India Congress Committee (AICC) which was held by late Ahmed Patel.

The Congress is looking for someone who enjoys an amicable relation with both the young and old leaders, who are at crossroads over several internal issues in the party. Patel, who passed away Tuesday due to Covid-19, was known to act as a bridge between the two sides.

According to party sources, Bansal and party general secretary Mukul Wasnik were considered for interim charge and the party high command gave approval for the former union minister.

"Discussions were held on few names but for the time being it was decided to have an interim arrangement," said sources.

Wasnik was part of the 23-senior party leaders who wrote to Sonia Gandhi in August this year, seeking organizational elections and appointment of a full time president.

"The Congress president has assigned the additional responsibility of AICC treasurer to Pawan Bansal, incharge administration, as an interim measure to look after the duties of treasurer with immediate effect," said a communiqué issued by the party.

Keeping in mind the upcoming assembly elections in five states, the party is looking for a trusted hand who can also work with state units and also generate resources.

Former Madhya Pradesh CM Kamal Nath, who is known to have good relations with corporate sector, is seemingly one of the front runners for the post. He is the president of MP Congress and leaders of opposition in state assembly. Gehlot is another name doing rounds but he is unlikely to shift to Delhi, and Rajya Sabha MP Digvijay Singh's name was also discussed. Among leaders close to Rahul Gandhi, name of orgnisation incharge KC Venugopal and media incharge RS Surjewala were also floated.

EXPRESS READ

AG says no to case against Bhushan

New Delhi: Attorney General KK Venugopal has declined consent for criminal contempt proceedings against Prashant Bhushan for his tweets in which he was critical of Chief Justice of India S A Bobde being provided a special helicopter by the MP government, saying the activist-lawyer later expressed regret.

Vice President to chair SCO meet on Nov 30

New Delhi: Vice-President M Venkaiah Naidu will chair the 19th SCO Council Heads of Government meeting virtually on November 30. This is the first time that a heads of government meeting will be chaired by India, since it became a full member of the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO) in 2017.

Doval represents India at dialogue

New Delhi: National Security Adviser Ajit Doval on Saturday took part in the trilateral maritime dialogue between India, Sri Lanka and Maldives. This is the first dialogue since 2014 and the fourth overall between the three countries. The dialogue was halted since 2014 due to India-Maldives ties souring under Abdulla Yameen.

DNA test ordered 20 years after man 'traces' son

EJAZ KAISER @Raipur

A DNA test will settle a paternity dispute 20 years after a man claimed to have traced a youth as his son, who was allegedly "stolen" as a newborn from a private hospital and "surreptitiously exchanged" with a dead infant girl in Jashpur district of Chhattisgarh.

Chamruram Badain and his wife filed a plea before the Chhattisgarh State Women Commission narrating their ordeal and contended they had finally succeeded in tracing their son after years of search and inquiry.

They found him staying with the driver earlier employed in the hospital where the baby was "exchanged".

To prove his claim, Badain cited the close resemblance of the face, voice and the physique of the boy, who is now staying with a diver employed at the Holy Cross Hospital. To resolve the paternity and establish biological ties, the Commission has ordered a DNA test.

"The DNA tests would involve the five members from both the families," said Kiranmayee Nayak, the chairperson of the Commission. The petitioner Badain stated that the hospital initially had informed him that he was blessed with a son, but later communicated to his wife that she gave birth to a stillborn girl.

"Such explicit resemblance between me and the youth cannot be purely coincidental. And in case my claim is proved wrong, I am ready to pay fines. Way back in 2000 I had lodged a complaint with the police after the incident, but nothing happened", Badain said.

The Commission chairperson has instructed the Kunkuri police officer Manish Kunwar in Jashpur to arrange and oversee the DNA paternity tests and submit a report at the earliest.

Uddhav threatening opposition, language not worthy of a CM: Devendra Fadnavis

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Mumbai

BJP took a shot at Uddhav Thackeray on Saturday saying he is the first chief minister of Maharashtra who threatens the Opposition when criticised. Former Chief Minister and BJP MLA Devendra Fadnavis said that the language used by Thackeray did not suit the position of the chief minister.

"On completing one year in power, rather than speaking on the development work done by his government, Uddhav Thackeray is threatening the Opposition. This is not a good sign," Fadnavis said.

Uddhav Thackeray, in an interview, had warned those attacking him and his family that they shouldn't forget they too have a family.

Fadnavis also said the courts have slammed the Maha Vikas Aghadi government over the arrest of Republic TV editor Arnab Goswami and demolition of film actor Kangna Ranaut's property. "There should not be blatant misuse of the power. This government has failed, therefore, BJP has no option but to take to the streets and protest even during the pandemic," he said.

Replying to Devendra Fadnavis, Uddhav Thackery said that he has never targeted anyone. "The BJP is the only party that believes in vendetta and was the first one to target my family members. We will not hit first, but if someone comes in our way then we will not hesitate to give it back," he said.

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OFFICIAL DIES DURING RAID

CBI on Saturday carried out a series of raids in Kolkata and West Bengal's coal belt in connection with a coal smuggling case. One of the security in-charge of the ECL died after suffering a cardiac arrest when CBI raided his house

75 DEATHS DUE TO COVID IN MAHARASHTRA

INDIA	Max	Min		Max	Min
Ahmedabad	31	16	Mumbai	32	23
Bhopal	26	11	Panaji	33	22
Jaipur	26	11	Patna	29	10
Amritsar	23	8	Lucknow	27	10
Chennai	31	22	Port Blair	28	24
Kolkata	28	17	Imphal	23	8
Srinagar	12	-2	Chandigarh	24	9

'BJP will contest elections in Telangana on its own'

Gen secy Tarun Chugh says BJP will win mandate in South, J&K

TARUN Chugh, the BJP national general secretary who is in-charge of Telangana, Jammu and Kashmir and Ladakh, said that the party is all geared up to win people's trust in the southern states and Kashmir on the pro-poor development credentials of the Centre. "We're committed to ensuring participative democracy at all levels in J&K, and the people there are keen for development and ready to look beyond political dynasts," Chugh told **Manish Anand** in an interview. He also argued that the BJP can become an alternative to regional outfits in the southern parts of the country.

The BJP has set eyes on Telangana in a big way as part of 'Mission South'. What are your expectations?
The BJP has a presence across the country. The BJP, under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, Home Minister Amit Shah and party chief JP Nadda, has put forth a vision in which the poor occupy the centre stage. The leadership is reaching out to the people on the development agenda.

Why do you think the Centre's welfare schemes will help the BJP gain foothold in the southern states?
PM Modi has emerged as a messiah of the poor. Earlier governments also talked of alleviating poverty but PM Modi has been able to execute his vision on the ground by connecting 40 crore people to the banking network so that they could become part of the economy. 10 crore toilets have been built to ensure dignity to the poor, while 19 crore LPG connections have ensured better health conditions for the women. These visible interventions establish the credentials of the BJP as a true champion of the poor.

Regional outfits have dominated electoral politics in the South. How do you envisage to measure up to their might?
The regional outfits have only fostered nepotism, corruption and favouritism. They nursed dynasties to protect their vested interests. Such dynasties have emerged as political demons, working against the interests of the people and the poor in particular. The people are fed up with them. People want good governance. They want to weed out corruption, nepotism and favouritism.

Will the BJP be looking for alliances in Telangana?
The BJP will face the electoral challenges on its own.

How is the BJP going to fulfill its slogan of "freeing Hyderabad of All India Majlis-e-Ittehadul Muslimeen"?
People like Asaduddin Owaisi are spreading poison. They are in the business of the politics of hate. They will soon see the end of their political career. It has already started. The people of Telangana have blessed the BJP in a big way in the Dubbaka Assembly bypolls. This is the turning point.

The DDC elections in Jammu and Kashmir are taking place in the shadow of the Gupkar declaration. How is the BJP gearing up to meet the challenge?
Those who mercilessly looted J&K for decades have come together under the banner of Gupkar declaration. The outfits of Abdullah and sons and Mufti and daughter pocketed all the benefits in the past several decades. Their offspring studied abroad while the youth in the Valley were handed stones and guns. The dilution of Article 370 has opened up vast avenues of opportunities for the youth. The people no more support the two dynasties.

When can people expect elections for the J&K Assembly as promised by the government?
We are committed to the restoration of a vibrant and strong democracy in J&K. We will fulfil all aspects of democratic norms for the people. The people in J&K will elect their representatives freely for the Gram Panchayats, DDC, Assembly and Lok Sabha.

The BJP is seen as an outfit with base in Jammu. How is it going to reach out to the Valley?
Our political opponents allege that the BJP has no presence in the Valley. If so, then why have the National Conference and the PDP joined hands with the Congress as their coach. They have realized that the people have no sympathy for them after decades of corruption, nepotism and favouritism. The BJP is reaching out to the people on the agenda of empowering them to take decisions for development.

How is the BJP gearing up to the challenge of the alienation of youth as claimed by your opponents?
Who killed *Kashmiriyat* and *Jamhooriyat*? Kashmir was a Sufi land. The Valley saw the confluence of diverse cultures. Devotees thronged Chahar-e-Sharief, Shankaracharya temple and Church at the Lal Chowk. That was destroyed by separatists. The BJP offers that agenda of 'Sabka Sath, Sabka Vikas', and the vision if for all, including Sunnis, Shias, Hindus, Sikhs and Christians.

A security official keeps a vigil as people cast their votes for the District Development Council election in Srinagar | PTI

For a change, polling remains peaceful in downtown Srinagar

FAYAZ WANI @Srinagar

UNLIKE the past elections when people used to completely boycott voting, the Soura area in downtown and volatile Srinagar witnessed some polling during the District Development Council (DDC) polls on Saturday. In another change from the past, the voting was peaceful with no stone pelting or shutdowns. Seven seats out of 14 in Srinagar and a total of 43 out of 280 seats went to polling in the first phase of DDC polls on Saturday.

Three polling booths for residents of Shah Faesal Colony and Illahibagh areas of Soura were set up at Saint Solomon High School in Illahibagh area, which had in the past witnessed many clashes between security forces and stone pelting youth. The Anchar locality, a few kilometres from Illahibagh, had emerged as a major flashpoint for clashes after scrapping of Article 370 last year.

Armoured vehicles of police and CRPF were deployed outside the booths to ensure safe and secure polling with security personnel keeping strict vigil. Till 1 pm, 133 out of the 3184 voters in these booths had exercised their rights.

However, the polling officials were more than satisfied. "In the previous polls here, near zero per cent voting used to take place. But today, things have changed and over 100 votes have been cast," said one of the officials.

"The polling has been peaceful and we hope the next hour also passes off peacefully," added a police officer.

It was the first time that no stone pelting incident had taken place in the area on polling day. Also, there was no shutdown called by separatists and the shops in the area remained open. The vehicular movement on the inner and main road was also normal.

The polling staff at some polling stations in Srinagar acknowledged that there has been a change in the pattern of polling in DDC polls as compared to previous elections.

TMC offices ransacked after minister resigns

PRANAB MONDAL @Kolkata

HOURS after Trinamool supremo and West Bengal CM Mamata Banerjee's "trusted" lieutenant Suvendu Adhikari resigned from her cabinet, violence erupted in his home district of East Midnapore as BJP supporters ransacked six TMC offices and took control of it.

There are high speculations that Adhikari might join the BJP ahead of crucial 2021 Assembly elections. His exit may land a blow to the ruling party as the Nandigram MLA has significant following in over 25 constituencies.

"Those who carried out the attack on our party office were carrying BJP flags. They are followers of Adhikari. Anticipating their leader will join the saffron camp, they also shifted their allegiance to the BJP," said a TMC leader.

It's not clear whether Adhikari will join the BJP or he will float a new political organisation. Out of 16 Assembly constituencies in East Nandigram district, TMC bagged 14 in 2016 elections. Adhikari played a key role in Nandigram movement against the state government's land acquisition.

The ransacking incident took place in two blocks in Khejuri Assembly constituency known Adhikari's turf. BJP, however, said no party worker was involved in the incident.

'Was pressured to frame Chinmayanand in rape case'

NAMITA BAJPAI @Lucknow

THE Shahjahanpur sexual harassment case involving former Union minister Swami Chinmayanand took yet another turn when the law student in question told the court that she had made the charges under coercion from anti-social elements who "are enemies of the former Union minister".

The woman appeared before the court of special judge (MP/MLA court) Pawan Kumar Rai on Friday. The law student had made the allegations of sexual harassment against Swami Chinmayanand in 2019 and withdrew it last month after almost a year.

"I had leveled charges of sexual harassment (against Swami Chinmayanand) under pressure from anti-social elements. These statements are not true. At the time of recording these statements, I was not in a position to oppose those elements," said the victim, according to prosecution lawyer Abhay Tripathi. The court has now posted the matter to January 11.

The law student had been studying at Swami Shukdevanand Law College run by Mumukshu Ashram of Swami Chinamayanand. The girl, Tripathi said, had clarified that she had recorded her statements against Chimayanand before the judicial magistrate under pressure.

The law student informed the court that her statement was not read out to her and neither was her signature taken on all pages that carried her statement. She said no video recording was done when she was giving the statement before the judicial magistrate.

The student had charged the former minister with rape and sexual harassment on August 24 through a Facbook post and released a video on social media while going into hiding along with one of her friends.

The former minister is president of the managing committee of the college where the woman studied law.

The SIT lodged an FIR against the former minister for an offence pertaining to the abuse of one's position to "induce or seduce" a woman to have "sexual intercourse not amounting to the offence of rape".

The former Union minister was arrested, but secured bail from the high court in February this year.

Meanwhile, the student was booked in an extortion case along with three of her acquaintances, wherein she was accused of demanding ₹5 crore from Chinmayanand. The student was arrested and was sent to jail along with her friends in September last year. Currently, she is out on bail.

Valley voters prioritise jobs, local issues

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KUPWARA recorded a turnout of 50.74%, Bandipora 43.57%, Baramulla 32.51%, Ganderbal 48.62%, Srinagar 33.76%, Budgam 56.96%, Pulwama 6.70%, Shopian 42.58%, Kulgam 34.35% and Anantnag 43.32%. The overwhelming sense across the Kashmir Valley was of a vote for development, peace, employment and against the revocation of J&K's special status.

A voter said their vote was against the Bharatiya Janata Party. "We are voting against the BJP and we hope that the representatives and parties whom we vote in the DDC polls will be able to get back what was snatched from us on August 5 last year," he said.

A young graduate said their vote was against the revocation of Article 370's. "Our jobs have been snatched after Article 370. We used to have SC/ST quota jobs in J&K. But after Article 370 revocation, the state subject law has been abolished. Now we have to compete at the all-India level, which is not possible for us," she said.

Javed Ahmad, another youngster, said not only development, they were also voting for peace. "Since last year, there is fear among the people and we want to get rid of this fear. We want development and jobs," he said.

Zubaida, a first-time voter in Nochimalla Makhdoom Mohalla (B) polling station in the Harwan area in the outskirts of Srinagar, said the vote makes a difference. "I am voting to get issues of my mohalla resolved. We want development in our area. We want so many issues... we want healthcare centre and I hope our votes will lead to the development of our area".

She said she wants her children to have all the facilities that exist in main towns and cities and "unlike other elections, in BDC polls we can hold our representatives accountable".

Abdul Samad, an elderly voter, said this election was for the development of the area and not for political purposes. "Currently, the advisors and officials are not accessible to us. We are facing a lot of problems and there is nobody whom we can approach. Now when we elect our representative, he/she will be accessible to us and we can go to the person anytime to press for the development of the area. We want health centres for people and sports infrastructure for youth," he said.

Mohammad Shafi, 75, said not voting was committing a sin and "I don't want to commit a sin." "I have been exercising right to franchise no matter whether political leaders have kept their promises or not. I am again voting this time with a hope that the representative whom we elect resolves our issues and problems."

BIHAR

Nitish govt may fall before 2025: Chirag

RAJESH KUMAR THAKUR @Patna

LOK Janshakti Party leader Chirag Paswan has expressed doubt if the Nitish Kumar-led NDA government would last its full term. Attending his party's 20th foundation day, Chirag exhorted his party leaders and workers to prepare for the next elections. "The Bihar elections may be held before 2025, so prepare for all 243 seats and take the party's vision 'Bihar first Bihari first' to the people."

He avoided attacking the BJP for putting up a candidate for the vacant Rajya Sabha seat denied to his party after the death of his father Ram Vilas Paswan.

UP first state to have 'love jihad' law

NAMITA BAJPAI @Lucknow

UTTAR Pradesh on Saturday became the first state to legally ban 'forced' or 'dishonest' religious conversions, with the Governor clearing the ordinance. The law basically targets the so-called 'love jihad.'

The Yogi Adityanath cabinet had approved the draft proposal of the ordinance against forcible or "dishonest" religious conversions, including those for the sake of marriage, which could land violators in jail for up to 10 years, early this week.

Opposition Samajwadi Party chief Akhilesh Yadav vowed to oppose the ordinance in the assembly.

"Instead of this, bring an ordinance for the procurement of farmers' produce. Bring an ordinance that will give employment to the jobless youth," Akhilesh tweeted.

According to the UP Prohibition of Unlawful Conversion of Religion Ordinance, 2020, a marriage will be declared "null and void" if the conversion of a woman is solely for that purpose, and those wishing to change their religion after marriage need to apply to the district magistrate.

CM Yogi Adityanath has vowed to end the so-called 'love jihad' in UP | PTI

The new law includes a provision to void a marriage if it is solemnized primarily to convert a woman's faith.

The ordinance came following a law commission report and after studying all possible aspects, the government said.

The draft ordinance makes religious conversions using force, coercion, enticement, deceit, and fraud non-bailable and cognizable offences. It means that a police officer can arrest a suspect of the offence without warrant and can start an investigation without the permission of a court.

The law provides for imprisonment of a minimum of one year to a maximum of five years and a penalty of not less than ₹15,000 in case of adult conversion. In cases where a minor girl or a woman from the Scheduled Caste or Scheduled Tribe communities is involved, the imprisonment ranges from three years to 10 years and a penalty of at least ₹25,000.

In cases of collective or mass illegal conversion, the punishment is between three and 10 years with a penalty of at least ₹50,000. In such offences, the registration of the organization holding a mass conversion event could be cancelled.

Elephant rides restart at Amber Fort

Much to the delight of tourists to the Pink City, the elephant rides at Jaipur's Amer Fort have finally resumed after nine long months. The rides were prohibited since the start of the Covid-19 pandemic but re-started on November 24. The Elephant Safari is one of the key attractions at the famous fort. The elephant rides will be organized between 8 AM to 11 AM, and safety precautions related to the pandemic will be taken. It will be mandatory for mahouts and tourists to wear masks and undergo thermal screening before all rides. They will have to sanitise their hands before and after the ride.

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JAIPUR DIARY

Mother stranded in Pakistan due to Covid returns

It was an emotional moment for Janta Mali, a Hindu refugee from Pakistan, as she was reunited with her family in Jodhpur on Tuesday. Janta had gone to see her ailing mother in Pakistan's Mirpur Khas in February on a NORI visa with her husband and children but had to stay there for 10 months due to the Covid-19 pandemic. While her husband and children (who are Indian citizens) travelled back to India in July, she was not allowed to return as she had crossed the 60-day-limit of the visa. She was able to return after Seemant Lok Sangthan took up her case with the state and central governments. "We have urged the government to pave the way for the return of all such persons, who are stuck in Pakistan due to the expiry of their NORI visas," said Hindu Singh Sodha, the President of the NGO.

India's first Organ Donor Memorial in city

On National Organ Donation Day, Rajasthan CM Ashok Gehlot inaugurated country's first Organ Donor Memorial in Jaipur on Friday. Built near SMS Hospital, the memorial is dedicated to those who have given life to hundreds of others. Names of 38 organ donors who have saved the lives of 133 people not only in Rajasthan but also in other parts of the country are etched on the memorial. Built by the Mohan Foundation, Jaipur Citizens Forum and the Jaipur Municipal Corporation, the memorial is inspired by the famous Jantar Mantar of Jaipur and has been designed by Sameer Wheaton. It depicts life looking towards the cosmic heavens in gratitude, compassion and love.

Reconnecting with expatriate Rajasthanis

In a unique effort to connect Non-Resident Rajasthanis settled abroad with the state, a Rajasthani Cultural Evening was held along with the Global Pravasi Deepotsav programme on Saturday at the Bikaner House in New Delhi. Expatriate Rajasthanis from all over the world simultaneously lit a lamp and demonstrated their emotional engagement with the land of their ancestors. The entire event was broadcast live on Zoom and YouTube. The event by the Rajasthan Foundation was inaugurated by Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot. The commissioner of the foundation, Dhiraj Shrivastava said their aim was to connect expatriate Rajasthanis.

3,500
Covid-19 patients in Germany's ICUs last week, a sharp increase from 360 in early October

GLOBAL WEATHER
LR: Light Rain • HR: Heavy Rain • TDS: Thundershower • LC: Light Cloud • SNY: Sunny

Beijing	5	-4	SNY	Los Angeles	24	9	SNY
Colombo	31	23	TDS	Melbourne	18	11	LR
Dhaka	29	15	SNY	Moscow	2	-2	LR
Dubai	29	18	SNY	New York	12	6	SNY
Houston	19	6	LC	Singapore	32	25	TDS
Istanbul	15	9	LC	Toronto	9	5	SNY
London	10	6	LC	Washington	14	8	SNY

Ayatollah calls for punishment, Rouhani wary of Israeli 'trap'

Killing of nuclear mastermind may hurt US-Iran diplomacy after Biden takes office in Jan

TEHRAN

IRAN'S supreme leader on Saturday called for the "definitive punishment" of those behind the killing of a scientist linked to Tehran's disbanded military nuclear program, a slaying the country has blamed on Israel.

Israel, long suspected of killing Iranian scientists a decade ago amid tensions over Tehran's nuclear program, has yet to comment on the killing Friday of Mohsen Fakhrizadeh. However, the attack bore the hallmarks of a carefully planned military-style ambush.

The slaying threatens to renew tensions between the US and Iran in the waning days of President Donald Trump's term, just as President-elect Joe Biden has suggested his administration could return to Tehran's nuclear deal with world powers from which Trump earlier withdrew. The Pentagon announced early Saturday that it sent the USS Nimitz aircraft carrier back into the Mideast.

In a statement, Supreme Leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei called Fakhrizadeh "the country's prominent and distinguished nuclear and defensive scientist."

Students of Iran's Basij paramilitary force burn posters depicting US President Donald Trump and President-elect Joe Biden during a rally in Tehran | AP

Khamenei said Iran's first priority after the killing was the "definitive punishment of the perpetrators and those who ordered it." He did not elaborate.

Speaking to a meeting of his government's coronavirus task force earlier Saturday, President Hassan Rouhani blamed Israel for the killing.

Rouhani said that Fakhrizadeh's death would not stop its nuclear program, something Khamenei said as well. Iran's civilian nuclear program has continued its experiments and now enriches uranium up to 4.5%, far below weapons-grade levels of 90%.

"We will respond to the assassination of Martyr Fakhrizadeh in a proper time," Rouhani said. He added: "The Iranian nation is smarter than falling into the trap of the Zionists. They are thinking to create chaos."

Friday's attack happened in Absard, a village just east of the capital that is a retreat for the Iranian elite. Iranian state television said an old truck with explosives hidden under a load of wood blew up near a sedan carrying Fakhrizadeh.

Hours after the attack, the Pentagon announced it had brought the USS Nimitz aircraft carrier back into the Middle East, an unusual move as the carrier already spent months in the region. It cited the drawdown of US forces in Afghanistan and Iraq as the reason for the decision, saying "it was prudent to have additional defensive capabilities in the region to meet any contingency."

The attack comes just days before the 10-year anniversary of the killing of Iranian nuclear scientist Majid Shahriari that Tehran also blamed on Israel. That and other targeted killings happened at the time that the so-called Stuxnet virus, believed to be an Israeli and US creation, destroyed Iranian centrifuges.

Those assaults occurred at the height of Western fears over Iran's nuclear program. Tehran long has insisted its program is peaceful. Fakhrizadeh led Iran's so-called AMAD program that Israel and the West have alleged was a military operation. *AP*

IN 4 PREVIOUS KILLINGS, MOSSAD WAS DIRECTLY INVOLVED

Spies Against Armageddon, a book by veteran Israeli and US journalists, notes that the string of assassinations of Iran's nuclear scientists in the last decade were done by Israeli agents of Mossad and not hired-guns. The agents were part of an infiltration unit known as the *kidonor* (Bayonet)

Israel is particularly bent on being the sole nuclear power in West Asia. "Implicit in Ben-Gurion's vision was an Israeli monopoly. Wherever and whenever deemed necessary, Israel would do what was necessary to be the only nuclear-armed power in the Middle East. That unique and unspoken mission would be at the core of crises more than half a century later," Dan Raviv and Yossi Melman wrote in the book

HOW WILL IRAN RESPOND?

The generals in Israel are avoiding an overt war with Iran, so the country is instead focused on covert assassinations and sabotage. Likewise, Iran has tried to keep covert its reprisals to past killings of scientists

However, things have gotten out of hand before. In 2011, the Iranian Revolutionary Guard allegedly plotted to murder Saudi Arabia's ambassador to the United States. That followed the murder of nuclear scientist Majid Shahriari in 2010

In another violent event, Iranian protesters stormed the British embassy in Tehran in 2011 after the UK imposed sanctions. The protesters were also chanting the name of Shahriari, whose killing was linked to Israel and the UK

While Fakhrizadeh is believed to have played crucial role advancing Iran's nuclear activities, the program is not beholden to one person. The objective behind the killing [was] to undermine diplomacy — ECFR's Ellie Geranmayeh told *Guardian*

THE OPPENHEIMER OF IRAN

- Analysts have compared Fakhrizadeh to being on a par with Robert Oppenheimer, the scientist who led the US' Manhattan Project in World War II that created the atom bomb
- More importantly, he played a role in Iran's nuclear programme that was akin to the role Qasem Soleimani had in Iran Revoluitionary Guards
- Even after Soleimani was killed by the US, the Guards could continue its activities mostly unaffected. Analysts say Fakhrizadeh's death will have a similar minimal impact on Iran's nuclear ambitions
- Reports say that Fakhrizadeh spearheaded Iran's AMAD Project, which was involved in, among other things, making nuclear weapons small enough to fit in the nosecone of ballistic missiles

Tigray refugees who fled the region run to recieve cooked rice in Sudan | AP

5 lakh people in Tigray city brace for all-out attack

ADDIS ABABA

ETHIOPIA'S army entered the capital of the Tigray region on Saturday, Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed announced, as the city of half a million people braced for an all-out offensive by government forces against its dissident leaders.

The local government said earlier that heavy shelling had rocked the centre of Mekele, a statement confirmed by two humanitarian officials with staff in the city.

"We've been able to enter Mekele city without innocent civilians being targets," Abiy was quoted as saying by the Ethiopian Broadcasting Corporation (EBC).

Abiy, winner of last year's Nobel Peace Prize, announced November 4 he had ordered military operations against Tigray's ruling party, the Tigray People's Liberation Front (TPLF). More than three weeks of fierce fighting has left thousands of people dead.

Tens of thousands more have streamed across the border into Sudan, and displacement within Tigray is believed to be widespread.

Abiy announced Thursday he had ordered a "final" offensive against the Tigray military. A communications blackout in Tigray has made it difficult to verify claims about how the fighting is going.

A spokesman for a crisis committee formed in response to hostilities in Tigray did not respond to a request for comment about reported shelling in Mekele, which has already been hit by air strikes.

But Addis Ababa Saturday said the "aerial engagement has been precise and targets only TPLF's military depot, weaponry and arsenals", avoiding "civilian facilities". *AFP*

EXPRESS READ

Europe coronavirus toll crosses 4,00,000

Coronavirus deaths topped 4,00,000 Saturday in Europe, the world's second worst-hit region, as parts of the continent began to reopen shops for the holiday season. Persistent high case numbers in many western countries loom over governments' hopes to ease their virus rules for Christmas and New Year. The holidays would be a longed-for respite before bracing for what the world hopes is one last wave of restrictions until a clutch of promising new vaccines kick in. Britain accounted for almost two-thirds of the fatalities at 57,551, followed by Italy with 53,677, France at 51,914 and Spain with 44,668.

ASIA MATTERS

PAKISTAN

Left-wing activist freed after 9 years

Pakistan has freed a political activist who was serving a life sentence in the country's semi-autonomous north, his party told AFP. Baba Jan, a left-wing political and climate activist from the Hunza Valley in Gilgit-Baltistan, was convicted by an anti-terrorism court for participating in political riots in 2011 and lost an appeal against his life sentence in 2016. Pakistani media reported his release came after authorities struck a deal with activists, on the heels of recent protests, to free Jan following the local elections completed on Friday. "We are happy to announce that Comrade Baba Jan ... (has) been released today after more than nine years incarceration," Ismat Raza Shahjahan, the deputy secretary of the Awami Workers Party, told AFP. A second activist, Iftikhar Katbalai, was also released.

SRI LANKA

Willing to meet debt obligations, says govt

Sri Lanka remains willing and able to meet all its debt obligations as it has done in the past, the government said on Saturday, a day after Fitch downgraded the country's sovereign credit rating to "CCC". Fitch Ratings said it was downgrading Sri Lanka from "B-" to "CCC", barely above default, after the government's 2021 budget showed too steep revenue projections, following earlier tax cuts and a higher deficit for 2021 than 2020. The government said the assessment had ignored several key proposals presented in the 2021 Budget on deficit financing.

INDONESIA

IS-linked militants kill four Christians

Islamic State-linked extremists killed four people in a remote Christian community on the Indonesian island of Sulawesi, authorities said Saturday, with one victim beheaded and another burned to death. The group of sword-and-gun wielding attackers ambushed Lembantongoa village in Central Sulawesi province Friday morning, killing several residents and torching half a dozen homes, including one used for regular prayers and services, police said. No arrests had yet been made and the motive for the attack was not clear. But authorities pointed the finger at the Sulawesi-based East Indonesia Mujahideen (MIT), one of dozens of radical groups across the archipelago that have pledged allegiance to IS.Indonesia is the world's biggest Muslim majority nation.

'Have never been more certain of independence'

GLASGOW

SCOTLAND'S First Minister Nicola Sturgeon on Saturday said she had "never been more certain" of achieving independence, with Britain's final departure from EU trading arrangements set to precede key Scottish elections in the months ahead.

The head of Scotland's devolved government and the leader of the pro-independence SNP told supporters at the party's virtual conference that the prospect of a break between Scotland and the rest of the UK has never been closer. "Independence is in clear sight - and with unity of purpose, humility and hard work I have never been so certain that we will deliver it," she said.

Sturgeon and the SNP have argued for a second referendum on Scottish independence since the party's overwhelming victory among Scottish seats in Britain's 2019 general election. Now she hopes that a further resounding win in May elections to the Edinburgh parliament will hand her party a mandate for a second bid to quit the UK.

Opinion polls in recent months have shown that a majority of public opinion in Scotland now supports independence.

The country chose to remain part of the four-nation UK in a 2014 referendum.

But Scots later voted by a big majority in 2016 to remain in the EU, a referendum the Leave side won by a narrow margin when taking the rest of Britain into account.

Since then, "we have won a landslide victory in a UK general election and support for independence has risen, it has become the sustained and majority view in public opinion this year," said Sturgeon. *AFP*

Thousands protest as police violence shocks France

PARIS

Thousands took to the streets across France on Saturday to demand the government abandon a contentious new security law, in a controversy intensified by the beating and racial abuse of a black man by police officers that shocked the country.

The demonstrations against the security law -- which would restrict the right of the press to broadcast images of police officers' faces -- took place nationwide with the central Place de la Republique in Paris packed despite the coronavirus pandemic.

President Emmanuel Macron said late Friday that the images of the beating of black music producer Michel Zecler in Paris last weekend "shame us". The incident had magnified concerns about alleged systemic racism in the police force.

People march with a banner that reads "Vote for Macron they said", in Paris | AP

"Police everywhere, justice nowhere" and "police state" and "smile while you are beaten" were among the slogans brandished as protesters marched from Place de la Republique to the nearby Place de la Bastille.

"We have felt for a long time to have been the victim of institutionalised racism from the police," said Mohamed Magassa 35, who works in a reception centre for minors.

"But now we feel that this week all of France has woken up," he said.

"The fundamental and basic liberties of our democracy are being attacked -- freedom of expression and information," added Sophie Misiraca, 46, a lawyer.

There were some tensions in Paris as a car was overturned and a barricade set up in one area with black smoke rising into the air from a fire. A few protesters threw stones at the security forces, an AFP correspondent said.

Thousands also took part in other marches in France, including in Bordeaux, Lille, Montpellier and Nantes. *AFP*

UK appoints minister for vaccines ahead of inoculations

LONDON

THE British government appointed a vaccines minister on Saturday as it prepares to inoculate millions of people against the coronavirus, potentially starting within days.

Prime Minister Boris Johnson said Conservative lawmaker Nadhim Zahawi will oversee the country's biggest vaccine program in decades.

The UK medicines regulator is currently assessing two vaccines — one developed by Pfizer and BioNTech, the other by Oxford University and AstraZeneca — to see if they are safe and effective. The Guardian reported that hospitals have been told they could receive the first doses of the Pfizer shot the week of Dec 7, if it receives approval.

The UK says frontline health care workers and nursing home residents will be the first to be vaccinated, followed by older people, starting with those over age 80.

Britain has ordered 40 million doses of the Pfizer/BioNTech vaccine, enough for 20 million people, and 100 million doses of the Oxford/AstraZeneca vaccine. In all, the UK has agreed to purchase up to 355 million doses from seven producers. *AP*

SANCTIONS AFTERMATH

Hong Kong leader gets salary in cash, can no longer have bank account

HONG KONG

HONG Kong leader Carrie Lam said she has "piles of cash" at home as she has no bank account after the United States slapped sanctions on her in response to a draconian security law China imposed on the city.

Lam was targeted, along with 14 other senior city officials, in the toughest US action on Hong Kong since Beijing imposed the new law on the territory in late June.

The move by Washington freezes the American assets of the 15 officials and criminalises any financial transactions in the United States.

In an interview with local English TV channel HKIBC aired on Friday night, Lam said she was "using cash every day for all the things" after being sanctioned.

"Sitting in front of you is a chief executive of the Hong Kong SAR (Special Administrative Region) who has no banking service made available to her," Lam told HKIBC.

"I have piles of cash at home, the government is paying me cash for my salary," she added.

Carrie Lam | AFP

Lam added that it was "very honourable" to be "unjustifiably sanctioned" by the US government and does not want to deter anyone from serving in public office.

Earning HK$5.21 million (US$672,000) a year, Lam is one of the highest paid leaders in the world.

Her remarks sparked a public backlash, with social media users posting photos of coins in their piggy banks at home to contrast with Lam's wealth.

Others questioned how her large salary would be transported to her residence in cash.

Lam had told media in August that she faced "a little bit of inconvenience" from the sanctions which hampered her use of credit cards. *AFP*

$575.29 bn was India's forex reserve as of November 20, according to RBI data. This was an increase of $2.519 billion over the previous week

NEWSCOPE

WHEN CORPORATES PLAY THE NATIONALIST CARD

GURBIR SINGH

THERE is a full blown battle on between Amazon and Reliance Retail over the latter's proposed acquisition of Future Retail. Reliance, a relatively late-comer to the e-commerce market, wants to catch up fast, and acquiring Kishore Biyani's Future Group, that has built a large network of physical stores over the years, is crucial to Reliance's strategy to take on Amazon.

Significant in the current battle is the 'nationalist' maelstrom that has been whipped up to keep Amazon out. References to 'Big Brother' Bezos coming in from the US to dominate India's market are freely flying. Senior counsel Harish Salve, arguing for Future Retail in the Delhi High Court, said Amazon was behaving "like the East India Company of the 21st century." Accusing Amazon of bullying, he said the e-tailer had given notice that "either you do business with me or we shut you down."

Meanwhile, Reliance Retail, echoing the repeated calls of 'Atmanirbhar' of the Prime Minister, has introduced 'Indie' and 'Swadesh' in its campaign, highlighting that it intends to promote the products of indigenous craftsmen.

PLAYING 'NATIONALISM'

Mukesh Ambani and Kishore Biyani are not the first to play the 'nationalist' card. Others have done it in the past to beat back competition from foreign brands. Patanjali Ayurved, the ₹10,000-crore consumer products company promoted by Baba Ramdev and Acharya Balakrishna, sells its consumer and medicinal products by appealing to retailers to stock Patanjali products so that "together we can turn the Swadeshi Dream of Mahatma Gandhi, Bhagat Singh and Ram Prasad Bismil into a reality."

Subhash Chandra, promoter of the Zee Entertainment Enterprises (ZEEL), has in the broadcasting business, played the 'nationalist' David versus the powerful foreign Goliaths — NewsCorp who set up STAR and Sony Pictures Entertainment (SPE) which own the Sony channels in India. ZEEL's pitch has been that its content and ownership has been 'Indian' and therefore culturally more appealing to viewers.

But scratch the surface, and there is very little 'nationalist' about Reliance or the Future Group. Reliance Retail has just finished several rounds of funding that saw the Singapore sovereign fund GIC invest ₹5,572 crore, San Francisco-based TPG Capital put in ₹1,837 crore and the Abu Dhabi sovereign fund Mubadala Investment Corporation ₹6,247 crore in the retailing company.

As many as 13 international funds have purchased a 34 per cent stake in Reliance Jio so far, including Google, Facebook, Silver Lake, Vista Equity Partners, General Atlantic, and KKR. Foreign investor holding in the mother company, Reliance Industries, which has raised close to ₹1.4 lakh crore, has risen to a record 27.2 per cent by the end of the second quarter ending September 2020. By no stretch of imagination are these Indian pedigrees!

LEGAL EMBARRASSMENT

The same goes for what the consumer retailing companies sell. Reliance Retail is as 'Indian' as Amazon in the sense both sell what Indians want. From T-shirts made in Bangladesh, to carpets woven in Mirzapur, they are market platforms for producers and brands the world over offering to connect them to Indian consumers. 'Nationalist' gimmicks are okay for polling day, but the Indian consumer is not really 'nationalist' in his buying habits. For high-end buyers, Chinese OnePlus and Huawei smartphones will continue to sell. So will the low-end Oppo and Redmi.

The 'nationalist' campaign of Reliance and Future should have the government worried too. While Reliance and Future Retail have sworn in press releases to complete the deal, Amazon has written to market regulator SEBI as well as the stock exchanges not to allow consummation of the proposed marriage till the Singapore Arbitration court's interim stay continues against Future's buyout. This has been challenged by Future Retail in the Delhi High Court, seeking to stop Amazon's 'interference' in the ₹27,000 crore deal. The arguments of the various parties are over and judgment is awaited.

The main leg of Future's case is that the Emergency Arbitration invoked by Amazon in Singapore against Future Retail does not have jurisdiction in India. To this Amazon's counsel, Gopal Subramanian has argued that the two parties had consented to settle their disputes through arbitration of the Singapore International Arbitration Centre's rules, and the jurisdictional principle was 'consent'.

Therefore, there is no question of 'inherent' lack of jurisdiction. If the Delhi High Court and thereafter the Supreme Court are to throw out Amazon's case on lack of jurisdiction of the Singapore Arbitration Centre, international investors would see India jettisoning the well-established principles of dispute resolution. As it is, an international arbitration tribunal in The Hague in September has ruled that India's imposition of a retrospective ₹20,000 crore tax liability on Vodafone, were in breach of an investment treaty agreement between India and the Netherlands.

If foreign capital is to flow into India, a clean-up of the compliance system and an end to conflicting signals to investors is a must.

AMIT BANDRE

Punjab agrees to Centre's borrowing formula on GST

Now only Jharkhand and Chhattisgarh are left to opt for the plan

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SHEDDING its resistance, Punjab has become the latest state to join 25 other states and three Union Territories in accepting 'Option I' put forward by the Centre for meeting the Goods and Service Tax (GST) compensation cess shortfall. The Amarinder Singh-led state will get ₹8,359 crore through the ₹1.1 lakh crore borrowing option to meet the GST implementation shortfall.

"The government of Punjab has communicated the acceptance of Option-1 to meet the revenue shortfall arising out of GST implementation. The number of states who have chosen this option has gone up to 26," the finance ministry said in a statement issued on Saturday. This leaves only Chhattisgarh and Jharkhand as the odd ones who are yet to opt for the borrowing plan proposed by the Centre.

Sources in the finance ministry said these two states are also likely to follow suit. So far, all the dissenting states, including Kerala and West Bengal, as well as the three union territories (Delhi, Jammu & Kashmir and Puducherry) have succumbed to pressure by the Centre due to paucity of funds on account of falling state revenue.

The Union government has already borrowed Rs 24,000 crore on behalf of states in four instalments and passed it on to 23 states and Union Territories that have opted for this window on October 23, November 2, November 9 and November 23. Besides this window, states are also entitled to get unconditional permission to borrow up to 0.5 per cent of their respective gross state domestic product under the terms of option 1. However, this permission is reserved for those already signed up. Kerala has been given permission to borrow ₹4,522 crore and West Bengal ₹6,787 crore from the markets. Punjab has also been granted additional borrowing permission of ₹3,033 crore, the finance ministry said. Similar permission will be extended to the remaining two states once they formally send in their assent in writing. Overall, the Centre had estimated the total GST shortfall this year to be at ₹2.35 lakh crore. Only ₹1.1 lakh crore of this was due to GST, while the rest due to Covid-induced disruption.

EXPRESS READ

Ramdev on Ruchi Soya board, brother to be MD

New Delhi: Yoga guru Ramdev, his younger brother Ram Bharat and aide Acharya Balkrishna will be on the board of soya food brand Nutrela-maker Ruchi Soya that was recently acquired by Patanjali Ayurved. Ruchi Soya Industries Ltd in a notice to shareholders sought approval for appointment of Ram Bharat, 41, as the managing director of the company. Balkrishna has been re-designated as chairman of the company. Both Balakrishna and Bharat will be paid a salary of Re. 1 per annum, the notice said.

IRDAI approves Max Life stake swap

New Delhi: Max Financial Services Ltd (MFSL) said IRDAI has approved the proposed transfer of 39.47 crore shares constituting 20.57 per cent of the paid-up equity share capital of Max Life Insurance held by Mitsui Sumitomo Insurance to MFSL. This is in exchange for issuance of 7.54 crore shares of MFSL, constituting 21.87 per cent of issued and paid-up share capital of MFSL. Upon consummation, this will effectively result in MFSL's stake in Max Life increasing to 93.1%.

Four islands make up for 54% of FDI inflows into India in 2 decades

JAYANTA ROY CHOWDHURY @ New Delhi

SOME 54 per cent of the cumulative FDI inflows from the turn of the century till September-end 2020 has been from just four tax shelters — Mauritius, Singapore, Cayman Island and Cyprus, with Mauritius and Singapore accounting for the lion's share of the money flowing into India.

Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) statistics accessed from the Ministry of Commerce and Industry shows that in the first half of this financial year, too, a little over 41 per cent of the FDI equity flows were from these four tax shelters.

The curious phenomenon of India's FDI receipts coming from these four island nations has led to suspicion of round tripping by large Indian corporates through these tax shelters which also afford significant secrecy for the ultimate beneficiary of the funds being transferred.

"We are keeping an eye on investment flows and are in touch with both the department of corporate affairs as well as the finance ministry on the issue," said top officials. Some 29 per cent of all FDI which came in between April 2000 and September 2020 came from Mauritius and another 21 per cent from Singapore. About two per cent each came from Cyprus and Cayman Islands.

In contrast, India's large trade and investment partners – USA, Japan and Netherlands accounted for sevem per cent FDI inflow during the two decades and Britain for 6 per cent.

Rising FDI shows investors prefer India's environment

Increase in foreign direct investment (FDI) into India in July-September 2020 to $28.1 billion indicates global investors' preference for the country's enabling environment, commerce and industry minister Piyush Goyal said on Saturday

"Earlier Mauritius was the main source of FDI for India, but Singapore has now become the preferred jurisdiction for routing FDI," said officials. Between April and September this year, some $8.3 billion came in as FDI equity infusion from Singapore, compared to $2 billion from Mauritius and another $2.1 billion from Cayman Islands. "The tragedy is that much of the FDI coming in through tax havens are mere equity infusions and do not come with any of the benefits which normally accompany FDI – technological upgradation, improvement in competitiveness etc.," said Prof Biswajit Dhar of JNU and a Member of the board of trade. "China too leveraged FDI to support its industrialization. But they managed to attract investment from highly industrialised countries and benefited by absorbing new technologies."

State govt spending crashes as pandemic chokes off income

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AN analysis of the monthly accounts of 15 states indicates that India's state governments sharply cut down on spending over the past two quarters. In fact, going by the fifteen states for which numbers are available, state receipts tanked by a sharp 18 per cent year-on-year in the second quarter (Q2FY21) leading to a record 12 per cent decline in government spending-the worst fall in a decade, according to analysts from Motilal Oswal.

The states which were used for the analyses were Andhra Pradesh, Chhattisgarh, Gujarat, Haryana, Himachal Pradesh, Jharkhand, Karnataka, Kerala, Madhya Pradesh, Odisha, Rajasthan, Tamil Nadu, Telangana, Uttar Pradesh, and Uttarakhand. These 15 states account for a little less than 70 per cent of state government finances.According to analysts from Motilal Oswal Financial Services, a look at the numbers shows that states' receipts declined for the third consecutive quarter in Q2FY21. However, this was the first such quarter when all three major constituents declined: taxes (including devolution receipts), states' own non-tax revenue receipts, and Grants from the Centre. "In fact, while the share of taxes has fallen to approximately 70 per cent of all receipts, grants from the Centre increased to 25 per cent of all receipts in the first half of the fiscal year," the analysts wrote. As for the states own taxes, the collections of stamp duty and registrations declined only a mild 1 per cent in Q2FY21, far better than the 61 per cent contraction in Q1.

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> MOFSL analysts

The continued contraction in incomes led to a sharp reduction in spending. "(This) was almost entirely due to the record fall in revenue spending since the decline in capital spending was slower than in the previous quarter. Aggregate revenue spending fell 9.3 per cent y-o-y in 2QFY21, following growth of 10.6 per cent in the first quarter. On the other hand, aggregate capital spending contracted 30 per cent last quarter," the MOFSL report noted.Around 50 per cent of the states' revenue spending comprise: interest payments (which grew just 2.3%), salaries and wages (which fell 1.1%), pensions (lower by 16.6%), and subsidies (contracting 19%).

Transport fuel prices continue to climb up

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FUEL prices continued to rise on Saturday, increasing for the eighth straight day since November 20. Oil marketing companies hiked petrol prices by 24 paise a litre and diesel by 27 paise a litre on the day, bringing transport fuel rates in the national capital up to ₹82.13 per litre and ₹72.13 per litre respectively. Over the past nine days, petrol prices have gone up by ₹1.07 per litre and diesel rate has risen by ₹1.67. Prior to the November 20 hike, petrol prices had been unchanged since September 22, while diesel rates hadn't been changed since October 2.

Indian Oil Corporation, Bharat Petroleum Corporation Ltd and Hindustan Petroleum Corporation are supposed to revise rates of petrol and diesel daily based on international benchmarks and forex fluctuations. However, this has not happened since the outbreak of the pandemic. The recent 58-day hiatus in petrol price revisions and 48-day halt for diesel rates was preceded by another similar break between June-August and March-June.

Start-up funding plunges to 8-quarter low in Q2

BISMAH MALIK @ Bengaluru

INVESTMENTS in start-ups plunged to an eight quarter low in the second quarter of the calendar year (April-June), to $1.3 billion with overall funds raised in the sector equivalent to $4 billion in the first half of 2020 the year. Data sourced from business intelligence firm Tracxn showed that start-up investments in the corresponding period of the last year (January-June, 2019) stood at $5.2 billion.

The plunge in Q2 indicates a strong impact of COVID-19 on the sector as funding was put on hold by homegrown and overseas venture capitalists. Interestingly, the October-December quarter of 2019 has been robust in terms of investments, when investments were at $5.6 billion— a record high in eight quarters. It was during this time when China's Ant Financial poured in money in unicorns like Paytm, Zomato, etc. However, Chinese investments slowed down amid the pandemic and have stopped post the imposition of new FDI regulations by the Indian government. However, investors have expressed positive sentiments towards the Indian start-up community from August onward, in line with adaptability of the ecosystem with the COVID-led disruption and extraordinary performance of sectors like edtech and healthtech. "We believe about 80 per cent of the start-ups might have been forced to shut down. But the outlook has really changed post August especially in some areas which saw consistent fundraise. In fact, we even saw companies becoming unicorns in that gloomy period," said an investor associated with a debt funds company.

PERFECT SHOT

Japan's Fujifilm expects mirrorless cameras to overtake DSLRs

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ New Delhi

IMAGING technology company Fujifilm expects the demand from mirrorless cameras to overtake that of DSLRs in the coming years. Fujifilm, being a relatively new player as against Nikon and Canon in this segment in India, expects to benefit majorly from the worldwide change in customer preference as it is present only in the booming mirrorless category.

"In global markets such as Europe and the United States, mirrorless has already overtaken DSLRs. Its share in India had gone up from 9 per cent to 21 per cent in just one financial year. By end of FY22, we expect this to grow over 40 per cent and in future it will replicate global phenomenon," said Arun Babu, General Manager, Electronic Imaging and Optical Device, Fujifilm India.

Currently, India's digital camera market is dominated by DSLRs (digital single-lens reflex camera) and the share of mirrorless is pegged at little over 20 per cent. The digital camera market is pegged at about ₹2,700-2,800 crore.

"Unlike other players, we sell only mirrorless here and we will definitely benefit from the change. Our head office sees India as a very potential market," Babu added. According to estimates, more than four lakh units of cameras were sold last year. The entry-level cameras face stiff competition from smartphones as imaging quality in these devices has improved drastically in the last 4-5 years.

Since 2015-16, camera sales have seen a 5-6 per cent decline year-on-year. Cameras, however, are irreplaceable in multiple areas, be it weddings, professional shoots or making a large canvas. In recent times, emergence of Vloggers and Youtubers are also aiding sales," he added.

The company has recently launched X-S10 (X-S10) in its flagship X series range of mirrorless digital cameras at a starting price of ₹99,999, and that goes up to ₹1.49 lakh. The camera is equipped with a 26.1 megapixel X-Trans CMOS 4 sensor, a high-speed image processing engine and in-body image stabilization.

First podium finish for Daruvala in F2

Rising Indian racer Jehan Daruvala earned his maiden Formula 2 podium after pipping championship leader Mick Schumacher in a gripping battle for the third place at the Bahrain Grand Prix support race, in Bahrian. Brazilian Felipe Drugovich won the race ahead of Callum Ilott.

BAN CLOUD OVER BCCI PARTNERS

State government strictures on online gaming to reduce visibility of companies sponsoring cricket, lawyers see room for debate

SWAROOP SWAMINATHAN @Chennai

Virat Kohli endorses MPL, one of the companies banned by state govts | MPL

THREE of the biggest companies to have signed a contract with BCCI in recent times — MPL Sports, Dream11 and Paytm — have products that, as it stands, cannot be used in at least six Indian states: Andhra Pradesh, Assam, Odisha, Telangana, Nagaland and Sikkim.

A seventh, Tamil Nadu, who recently passed an ordinance 'to ban online gaming', may also outlaw these fantasy/real money gaming platforms (Paytm First Games is the online gaming arm of Paytm). It's been reported that Karnataka, too, is mulling a similar law.

Why is this the case? Since any form of betting or gaming is a state subject, states are free to devise independent frameworks. For example, even if the Supreme Court has held that rummy is a 'game of skill', states have banned it. Even if a few high courts around the country have held that Dream11 constitutes a 'game of mere skill' and is exempt from the provisions of the Public Gaming Act, states have used their frameworks to ban it.

"Due to recent changes to the Gaming Act in the State of Andhra Pradesh, users from the state will not be able to join paid contests on Dream11. The laws in Assam, Odisha, Telangana, Nagaland and Sikkim are unclear on games of skills may be played for a fee. Hence, residents of these states are also not permitted to play pay-to-play formats of any online games," reads a notice on the Dream11 website. Similar notices can be found on the websites of MPL and Paytm First Games. MPL has added TN to the list of states where their games cannot be played.

Dream11 is the title sponsor of IPL, MPL sponsors jerseys worn by Indian teams and Paytm is the title sponsor for international and domestic cricket held in India.

How does this make the BCCI feel, knowing that the companies it has tied up with cannot be accessed by around 13% of the population. "If it's the law of the land, it's the law of the land," the board's treasurer, Arun Dhumal, told this daily. "There's nothing we can do about it. We are fine with it."

It's important to state that the BCCI is more than entitled to sign contracts with these companies and they do not violate any law, but what's interesting is that there could be a moral angle to this issue. TN and Andhra have come up with ordinances after people allegedly took their own lives after losing money in online gaming. It's also why the Madurai Bench of Madras High Court issued notices to Sourav Ganguly, Virat Kohli and actors Prakash Raj, Tamannah Bhatia for their involvement in online sports app advertisements.

Asked whether they were worried because a few state governments passed ordinances or could in the future, a Paytm First Games spokesperson said: "We are waiting for the official communication from (the) government. We will take action accordingly." Attempts to reach MPL Sports went in vain.

TN's ordinance states: " (...) no person shall wager or bet in cyberspace using computers, computer system, computer network, computer resource, any communication device or any other instrument of gaming, by playing rummy, poker or any other game."

The wording has led to a debate, with lawyers still trying to decode whether or not the likes of Dream11, MPL and Paytm First Games could be banned under the ordinance.

"There's potential for ambiguity in the drafting," noted sports lawyer Nandan Kamath. "Online poker and online rummy, as they've been explicitly named, stand banned if played for stakes... The 'other games' part of the ordinance is open to interpretation. That prohibition is limited to other games of chance, and not games of skill that can continue to enjoy the exception available to them."

Vidushpat Singhania, another eminent sports lawyer, sang from the same hymn sheet. "I would say there is some ambiguity. But if the TN government wanted to include Dream 11, MPL and Paytm First Games in the list, they can very well do so in the future."

The Centre is watching these developments closely. On Tuesday, the Advertising Standards Council of India introduced guidelines "to make real-money gaming advertising safer and more responsible". A press release said: "The guidelines have been developed to ensure that such advertising makes users aware about risks are associated with online games with real moneywinnings." The ads that showed Kohli, Ganguly et. al. didn't have caveats.

Jumps camp in Bengaluru; foreign coach hunt on

INDRANEEL DAS @Chennai

WITH winter setting in North India, athletes are moving out of NIS Patiala in batches. It's a ritual athletes follow more often than not around November-December. This time, though, most of the athletes are shifting to Bengaluru because Thiruvananthapuram's Sports Authority of India centre's synthetic track laying process is not over as yet.

It is learnt that the horizontal jumpers, who are without a foreign coach after Bedros Bedrosian's contract was not renewed, will be shifting to the Bengaluru SAI centre. Bedrosian had gone home on leave during the lockdown in July for eight days but did not come back and his contract expired on August 31.

The sprinters and quartermilers will continue training in Patiala. It is understood that because of various logistical reasons, the Bengaluru centre will not be able to accommodate too many athletes. A decision on where they would be shifted will be taken later. There is a possibility for athletes to continue training in Patiala for some time.

This was revealed by a top Athletics Federation of India (AFI) official. Also, around six jumpers (four triple and two long jumpers) will be shifting to Bengaluru by early December. The middle and long distance camp too has been shifted to Bengaluru.

The horizontal jumpers will be training under Robert Bobby George. "There was some kind of planning going on," said Bobby George, who is training junior jumps team of 14 in the centre. It's understood that the arrangement would be temporary.

It might continue until a foreign coach joins, which could take two months. After Bedros left, high performance director Volker Herrmann was overseeing the jumpers' training. Since he would be leaving on December 9, camp will be shifting to Bengaluru.

Odds favour Australia

After losing the first ODI on Friday, India will hope to turn things around on Sunday when they face Australia at Sydney again. Here is a look at a few possible talking points ahead of the game...

BALANCE KEY

The injury to Bhuvneshwar Kumar and Hardik Pandya's unavailability to bowl has affected India's balance. They are one bowler short and it is something they will miss on Sunday too. So what should India do? They still appear in T20 mode and need to get out of it. Playing five bowlers mean none can afford an off day. Though the match was lost by the bowlers, the batting too has concerns, especially the manner in which they played the short deliveries.

OTHER OPTIONS

Indian pacers didn't find any movement or swing on Friday, which meant they were neutralised early on. India will be tempted to play Kuldeep Yadav in place of Yuzvendra Chahal, who struggled to contain the run flow. With Navdeep Saini struggling, don't be surprised to see T Natarajan get a debut. The southpaw's accuracy at the death and knowledge of Warner's game could also give him an advantage in a key match-up.

5 If India lose, they will have lost five matches on the bounce.

11.40 Kohli's average at SCG (he has played six matches).

ALL GUNS BLAZING

Australia seem to have the early momentum. Aaron Finch, Steve Smith and Glenn Maxwell didn't have the best of the IPLs, but played important roles. With David Warner also in good nick, Australia have the chance to clinch the series. Historically, the SCG has been Australia's favourite hunting ground against India as they have won 15 of the 18 matches. The likes of Pat Cummins, Josh Hazlewood and Mitchell Starc will find an extra spring having watched how the Indian top-order played short deliveries.

Off-colour BFC held 0-0 by Hyderabad

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE

BENGALURU FC came into the ISL clash against Hyderabad FC on Saturday as favourites. But they hardly did justice to the tag and off-colour for a majority of the match to settle for a 0-0 draw.

Carles Cuadrat's men had a bad day up front and did not have a single shot on target to show for their effort. That was not expected of a team, which made some decent signings in the transfer window, like Kristian Ospeth and Cleiton Silva. They did not test Subrata Paul in goal, which is a concern for the former champions. However, Bengaluru defence did well to keep a clean sheet.

The first 45 minutes witnessed Hyderabad being more confident on the ball. They did have their share of the chances but failed to find the back of the net. They deserved to take lead in the 24th minute, but the brilliance of goalkeeper Gurpreet Singh Sandhu denied Aridane Santana, who had tried a header. Though Bengaluru failed to impress, one has to credit Hyderabad's defence, which stood tall against the likes of Sunil Chhetri and others. This was Bengaluru's second draw in as many games. Hyderabad had won their first match.

Sunday's matches: Jamshedpur vs Odisha (5pm), Kerala vs Chennaiyin (7.30pm)

PUBLIC NOTICE

It is hereby notified that our clients, have agreed to purchase the property described in the entailing Schedule hereunder from **Smt. Lokamatha Seshadri,** W/o Late Embar Seshadri, residing at No.351, 37th Cross, 7th Main Road, 5th Block, Jayanagar, BENGALURU - 560 041. Any individual/ entity claiming right, lien or charge over the schedule property is hereby requested to contact the undersigned, at any rate, within a period of 07 days from the date of this publication.

SCHEDULE

All that piece and parcel of property bearing No.351, situated at 5th Block, Jayanagar, Bengaluru-560 011, Corporation Division No.36, measuring East to West 50 feet and North to South 75 feet and bounded on:

East by : Site No.352,
West by : 7th Main Road,
North by : Site No.349,
South by : 37th Cross Road.

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If Any person/Institution has any claim or Interest of any nature pertaining to aforesaid property and document, the said claims along-with Supporting document shall be filed with undersigned **within 8 days** from the date of publication of this Notice at the address mentioned below. Any claim raised thereafter shall not be entertained or binding.

Deepa A.M, Advocate,
No.6, Bhumika, 80 feet Road, Chandra Layout, Vijayanagar, Bangalore 560040
Bangalore, Dated: 28.11.2020

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to inform the General Public that **Sri. Sudha Mohan Reddy Gurkapakkireddygari,** S/o. Sri. Gurkapakkireddy Gari Ramasubba Reddy, No. 2-516-3, Maruthi Township, Balaji Complex, Nandyal, Kurnool District, Andhra Pradesh-518501 is intending to purchase the schedule-'B & C' property from its present owner Sri. Manjunatha N., S/o. Nagaraju T., residing at Muthanallur Village/Post, Sarjapur Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Bangalore-560099, by availing loan from my client **M/s. Repco Home Finance Limited,** Electronic City Branch, Singasandra, Bengaluru-560099 and creating security on the schedule property in favour of my client. In case anybody having any claim, right, title, interest, objection or any kind of fact in respect of the schedule property, they should inform the undersigned with necessary documents within **SEVEN DAYS** from the date of publication of this notice.

SCHEDULE 'A' PROPERTY
(Description of the Entire Property)

All that piece of immovable Residentially converted land bearing **Sy. No.134/1,** as per E khatha Property No. 150200121003201 61 and 134/1 (Converted order No. ALN (ASH) SR78/2017-2018, dated 16/02/2018, passed by the Deputy Commissioner, Bangalore District), measuring to an extent of 0-9.4 Guntas or 10,073.25 Sq. Ft., **situated at Muthanalluru Village, Sarjapura Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Bangalore Urban District** and bounded as follows: **East by :** Remaining land in same Sy No.134/1, belongs to Sri.M.Narayana Reddy; **West by:** Land bearing Sy No.134/5 belong to Sri. Venugopal Anil Kumar U. **North by:** 40 feet layout/Road and land belongs to Sri. Thimmaraya Reddy **South by:** Land bearing Sy. No.134/2

SCHEDULE 'B' PROPERTY
(Undivided Share to be Sold)

An Undivided share equivalent to **274 Sq feet** with all right, title and interest and ownership over land of Schedule 'A' Property.

SCHEDULE 'C' PROPERTY
(Apartment to be Constructed)

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Rajaram D. Bhat, Advocate
No. 4, 14th Main, RPC Layout, Vijayanagar II Stage, Bangalore-560040.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Public are informed that our clients Sri. Kapa Venkatakrishna Reddy S/o Poli Reddy Kapa, Aged about 42 years, Residing at No.10 & 15, Dharsan Layout, Panathur Main Road, Kadubisanahalli, Outer Ring Road, Marathalli Colony, Bangalore - 560 037 and Sri. Rajesh Reddy.B, S/o Rama Subba Reddy.B, Aged about 45 years, Residing at Bhavikatti Building, Basava Shant Nagar, Y.S.Colony, Vidyagiri, Dharwad - 580 004 are intending to purchase the Schedule Properties from its previous owners (i) Smt. Akkamma W/o Late Muniyappa and others (ii) Sri. Venkatesh @ Venkateshappa and others (iii) Sri. Bhadrappa and others (iv) Sri. Ashwathappa and others (v) Legal heirs of Munipillappa who are residing at Chinnandahalli Village, Jadigenahalli Hobli,Hoskote Taluk, Bangalore Rural District.
Persons other than the previous owners of the schedule properties have any right over the properties may lodge their claims with documentary evidence within 07 days to the undersigned.
SCHEDULE - A PROPERTY: All that piece and parcel of Dry Land bearing Survey No.33, situated at Chinnandahalli Village, Jadigenahalli Hobli, Hoskote Taluk, Bangalore Rural District, measuring 28 Guntas of land and bounded on the East by- Property belonging to Venkatesh @ Venkateshappa, West by- Property 5 belonging to Munichannappa, North by - Property belonging to Munipillappa and South by - Property belonging to Husen Sabi
SCHEDULE - B PROPERTY: All that piece and parcel of Dry Land bearing Survey No.33, situated at Chinnandahalli Village, Jadigenahalli Hobli, Hoskote Taluk, Bangalore Rural District, measuring 27 Guntas of land and bounded on the East by - Property belonging to Ashwathappa, West by -Property belonging to Muniyappa, North by - Property belonging to Munipillappa and South by - Property belonging to Husen Sabi
SCHEDULE - C PROPERTY: All that piece and parcel of Dry Land bearing Survey No.33, situated at Chinnandahalli Village, Jadigenahalli Hobli, Hoskote Taluk, Bangalore Rural District, measuring 27 Guntas of land and bounded on the East by - Property belonging to Muniyappa, West by - Property belonging to Ashwathappa, North by - Property belonging to Munipillappa and South by - Property belonging to Husen Sabi
SCHEDULE - D PROPERTY: All that piece and parcel of Dry Land bearing Survey No.33, situated at Chinnandahalli Village, Jadigenahalli Hobli, Hoskote Taluk, Bangalore Rural District, measuring 27 Guntas of land and bounded on the East by - Property belonging to Bhadrappa, West by - Property belonging to Venkatesh @ Venkateshappa, North by - Property belonging to Munipillappa and South by - Property belonging to Husen Sabi
SCHEDULE - E PROPERTY: All that piece and parcel of Dry Land bearing Survey No.48/1, situated at Chinnandahalli Village, Jadigenahalli Hobli, Hoskote Taluk, Bangalore Rural District, measuring 0.32.12 Guntas of land and bounded on the East by - Property belonging to Venkatesh @ Venkateshappa, West by - Property belonging to Bhadrappa, North by - Property belonging to Munipillappa and South by - Property belonging to Husen Sabi
SCHEDULE-F PROPERTY: All that piece and parcel of Dry Land bearing Survey No.48/1, situated at Chinnandahalli Village, Jadigenahalli Hobli, Hoskote Taluk, Bangalore Rural District, measuring 0.30.12 Guntas of land and bounded on the East by - Property belonging to Ashwathappa, West by - Property belonging to Muniyappa, North by - Property belonging to Munipillappa and South by - Property belonging to Husen Sabi
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SCHEDULE-H PROPERTY: All that piece and parcel of Dry Land bearing Survey No.33/8, situated at Chinnandahalli Village, Jadigenahalli Hobli, Hoskote Taluk, Bangalore Rural District, measuring 1 Acre of land and bounded on the East by - Property belonging to Munipillappa & Ors, West by -Property belonging to 6 Munichinnappa, North by - Property belonging to Chikkabadrappa and South by - Property belonging to Usman
SCHEDULE – I PROPERTY: All that piece and parcel of Dry Land bearing Survey No.48/1, situated at Chinnandahalli Village, Jadigenahalli Hobli, Hoskote Taluk, Bangalore Rural District, measuring 1 Acre 1 Gunta of land and bounded on the East by - Property belonging to Patel Krishnappa, West by - Property belonging to Chikkabadrappa, North by - Property belonging to Chikkabadrappa and South by - Property belonging to Ashwathappa & Ors

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I, **Shivashankar**, S/o Rajanukunte Chikkamariyappa, R/o no. 18/2, Vidyashankara Public School Road, near Railway gate, Yelahanka hobli, Adiganahalli, Rajanakunte, Bangalore 560064, Karnataka, have changed my name from **Shivashankar** to **Shivashankaraiah Rajanukunte Chikkamariyappa**, vide affidavit dated 27/11/2020, Sworn before notary C.N Chandrashekar, B'lore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **EDWARD PREM KUMAR**, S/o Maria Susai, R/at No. 155, 7th Cross, ITC Colony, Frazer Town, Bangalore-560005, have changed my name to **MARIA SUSAI EDWARD PREM KUMAR**, vide affidavit dated 27.11.2020, sworn before Advocate & Notary **O.S. CHENGAPPA**, Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, (OLD NAME) SUKANYA.G, Residing at No. 28, Bethesda, 1st Cross, Oil Mill Road, Kammanahalli, Opp Kalyani Bar, Kacharakanahalli, Bengaluru-84, have changed my name from **(OLD NAME) SUKANYA.G** to **(NEW NAME) SHARON SUKANYA.G** vide affidavit dated 27/11/2020 sworn before Notary K.H.Jagadish, Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, Army No: 6493082W, Rank: HAV/ASH, Name: U Senthilkumar, Residing at Soochani, Thiruvadanai, Thiruvadanai, Ramanathapuram-623407, Tamil Nadu, that I have changed my Daughter's name from **PRADEEPA** to **PRADEEPA SENTHILKUMAR** vide affidavit dated 28.11.2020 before notary K V MANI, Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **Mangala Gowri**, W/o Shivashankaraiah Rajanukunte Chikkamariyappa, R/o no. 18/2, Vidyashankara Public School Road, near Railway gate, Yelahanka hobli, Adiganahalli, Rajanakunte, Bangalore - 560064, Karnataka, have changed my name from **Mangala Gowri** to **Mangala Gowri Tammanayakanahalli Channabasavaraju**, vide affidavit dated 27/11/2020, sworn before notary C.N. Chandrashekar, Bangalore.

AFFIDAVIT

I, **SERVICE No. 242977B, RANK: FLYING Officer**, Name: **K.S. PATHANIA**, aged about 65 years, S/o Late Puran Singh, and R/at #404, Ceasors Sion Apartments, Kithaganur Main Road, Bhattarahalli, Virgonagar Post, Bangalore-560049, have changed my son's name from **PRABHDEEP SINGH PATHANIA** to **PRABHDEEP SINGH**, vide affidavit dated 09.11.2020, sworn before Advocate & Notary **O.S. CHENGAPPA**, Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, (OLD NAME) SYED MUDASIR, Residing at No. 52, Central Street Cross, Neelasandra, Bangalore-560047, have changed my name from **(OLD NAME) SYED MUDASIR** to **(NEW NAME) SYED MUDDASSIR** vide affidavit Dated 26/11/2020 sworn before Notary N.Nagappa, Bangalore.

DECLARATION

I, SURAIYA JABEEN, W/o Syed Amjad Ali, R/o: Flat No. 402, Kamadenu Enclave, Hunasamaranahalli, Bengaluru-562157, do hereby declare that the names **SURAIYA JABEEN** and **SURAIYA BANO** pertain to me but my correct name in usage is **SURAIYA JABEEN** Vide affidavit dated 28/11/2020 sworn to before Notary Public G P CHAYA, Bangalore-64.

AFFIDAVIT

I, **SWAYAM SALECHA**, aged about Major, S/o Arvind Kumar, R/at #204, Elite Premium Apartments, Sarve Street, Near Cool Corner Hotel, Basavanagudi, Bangalore-560004, do hereby declare that my correct name is **SWAYAM SALECHA** as per my other documents, but in my Aadhar Card No. 6537 6154 5879 my name is mentioned as only **SWAYAM** instead of **SWAYAM SALECHA**, vide affidavit dated 27.11.2020, sworn before Advocate & Notary **N. NAGAPPA**, Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **SARALA ARUNACHALAM**, aged about 44 years, W/o Chandra Kumar, R/at No.17, 18th Cross, Lakshmipuram, Ulsoor Post, Bengaluru-560008, Karnataka, do hereby declare that I have changed my name from **SARALA ARUNACHALAM** to **CLARA**, hereafter I shall be known and called as **CLARA** only, vide affidavit dated 27.11.2020, sworn before Advocate & Notary **C.V. EARAPPA**, Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, KRISHNAN NADARAJAN, Residing at No. 58, 2nd Floor, 2nd Cross, M.M.R Layout, Udayanagar, Bengaluru-560076, have changed my Minor Son's name from **YASHWIN SARAN** to **N.K. YASHWIN SARAN** vide affidavit Dated 26/11/2020 sworn before Notary N. Nagappa, Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, RAJATHI K, D/o Mr. M Kannan Muniswamy, resident of #5, 13th Cross, Vinayaka Temple Street, Mukthinagar, KG Halli, Arabic College, Bangalore-560045, have changed my name from **RAJATHI K** to **ESTHER RAJATHI K** vide Affidavit Dated 28-11-2020 sworn to before Notary Public G.P. CHAYA Bangalore.

AFFIDAVIT

I, **ARVIND KUMAR**, aged about 45 years, C/o Mithalal, Flat No. 201, 3rd Floor, No. 29/03, Sankeshwara Kalas, Vanivilas Road, Basavanagudi, Bangalore-560004, do hereby declare that my correct name is **ARVIND KUMAR** as per my Aadhar card No. 7570 0224 6932 and all other documents, but in my passport No. J 4617149, by mistake, my name has been mentioned as **ARAVIND KUMAR** instead of **ARVIND KUMAR**, vide affidavit dated 27.11.2020, sworn before Advocate & Notary **N. NAGAPPA**, Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **J. AKSHATH**, S/o. Janardhan, residing at # 89/A, 2nd Floor, 4th Cross, Nanjundaiah Layout, Begur, near Canara Bank, Bangalore - 560 068, Karnataka, have changed my name from **J. AKSHATHA** to **J. AKSHATH** vide affidavit dated 28-11-2020 sworn before Advocate & Notary Jain Swarnamala, at Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, KRISHNAN NADARAJAN, Residing at No. 58, 2nd Floor, 2nd Cross, M.M.R Layout, Udayanagar, Bengaluru-560076, have changed my Minor Son's name from **PRITHWINADHITH** to **N.K. PRITHWIN ADHITH** vide affidavit Dated 26/11/2020 sworn before Notary N. Nagappa, Bangalore.

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I, **MR. SHIVA KUMAR. M,** aged about 33 years, S/o, Sri. Muniramappa, R/at, No: 501, Old Police Station Road, A K Colony, Near Darga, K.R Puram, Bangalore- 560036. Do hereby declare that I have changed my name from **SHIVA KUMAR .M.** to **RAJATH VARASAGAR** hereafter I shall be known and called as **RAJATH VARASAGAR,** only for all practical purpose, vide affidavit dated: 28.11.2020, sworn before Advocate and Notary **N. NAGAPPA**, Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **HABIBA ZACKRIA**, W/o. Aslam Zackria Sait, Residing at No. 6/4, 3rd Floor, Martello Boulevard M.G. Road, Museum Road, Bangalore - 560 001, Karnataka, have changed my name from **HABEEBA ZACKRIA** to **HABIBA ZACKRIA** vide affidavit dated 25.11.2020 sworn before Advocate & Notary T.C. Thimmaraja, at Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, SMT PRIYA, Spouse of Army No: 6493082W, Rank: HAV/ASH, Name:U Senthilkumar, Residing at Soochani, Thiruvadanai, Thiruvadanai, Thiruvadanai, Ramanathapuram-623407, Tamil Nadu shall henceforth be known as **PRIYA SENTHILKUMAR** vide affidavit dated 28.11.2020 before notary K V MANI, Bangalore.

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While climate change and rising global temperatures are leading to decline in vegetation in arid regions of the world's poorest countries, the situation appears to be better in wealthier countries, said researchers from the University of Copenhagen in Denmark a study published in *Nature Sustainability*.

EXFILE • ENVIRONMENT

Can dimming Sun's rays ease climate impacts in Africa?

Dialling down the Sun's heat a notch by injecting billions of shiny sulphur dioxide particles into the stratosphere could curtail devastating drought across parts of Africa, a new peer-reviewed research has reported. We take a look

GEO-ENGINEERING TO THE RESCUE

As the likelihood that global warming will exceed these limits increases, scientists and policymakers are taking a serious look at "geo-engineering" schemes to cool the planet that were rejected not long ago as dangerous science fiction

UNDER-REPRESENTED

The study on Cape Town 'Day Zero' droughts is one of a dozen research on the potential impact of solar radiation management (SRM) on the developing world

Developing countries are most susceptible to climate change, and are really poorly represented in SRM research

People working on climate change are waking up to the fact that if cutting emissions doesn't prove sufficient to limit warming to 2°C, then blocking out some sunlight could be our only hope of achieving that

Andy Parker, project director Solar Radiation Management Governance Initiative

CAPE TOWN STUDY

In the Cape Town study, researchers found that blocking a tiny amount of solar radiation with reflective aerosols could keep global temperatures at 2020 levels. Compared to a "worst case" scenario in which humanity continues unabated carbon emissions, SRM would by 2100 reduce the risk of a "Day Zero" drought along the southwestern tip of South Africa by 90%

OTHER STUDIES

Another recent paper in the series, co-written by scientists in Benin, found the technology could reduce climate change disruptions to rainfall in West Africa as well. One technique calls for injecting reflective particles into the stratosphere with balloons, aircraft or even through giant tubes

TERMINATION SHOCK

But even if it works as intended in one region, SRM may have unintended knock-on consequences in another, such as the disruption of the monsoon rains upon which so much agriculture in tropical regions depends

Researchers also warn against 'termination shock' — a sudden warming if the system were to fail

The technology would do nothing to stop the continuing buildup of atmospheric CO_2, which is literally changing the chemistry of the ocean

SOLAR RADIATION MANAGEMENT

This form of solar radiation management would slash the risk of another "Day Zero" drought in Cape Town, South Africa, by 90%, according to a recent study published in *Environmental Research Letters*

RISL DOUBLES AND TRIPLES

1°C

Global warming to date — just over 1°C since the mid-19th century — enhances the likelihood of such droughts by a factor of three, earlier research has shown

2°C

Allowing temperatures to increase another degree to 2 °C above preindustrial levels would triple the risk again

The 2015 Paris climate treaty, signed by virtually all the world's nations, calls for capping global warming at "well below" 2C, a goal many experts fear is rapidly slipping out of reach

IS IT POSSIBLE TO COOL THE EARTH?

Scientists have long known that injecting a large quantity of reflective particles into the upper atmosphere could cool the planet

Nature sometimes does the same: debris from the 1991 eruption of Mt Pinatubo in the Philippines lowered Earth's average surface temperature for more than a year

66 million yrs

ago, a 10-km wide asteroid strike threw up so much debris that it wiped out land-based dinosaurs

A dried out dam pictured on a farm in Piket Bo-berg, Piketberg, north of Cape Town, on March 7, 2018 as a result of a three-year-long drought | AFP

Scientists find new method to spot single virus particles

HEALTH

TOKYO: Scientists have developed a new method for identifying single virus particles based on changes in electrical current when they pass through ultrasmall pores, an advance which they claim may lead to new rapid Covid-19 tests.

The study, published in the journal *ACS Sensors*, demonstrated a new system for identifying single virus particles using an algorithm trained to detect changes in the current passing across silicon nanopores. According to the scientists, including those from Osaka University in Japan, the work may lead to fast and accurate screening tests for diseases like Covid-19 and influenza.

In the new method, the scientists said a layer of the compound silicon nitride just 50 nanometres (nm) thick has tiny nanopores added.

The layer is suspended on a silicon wafer, they said, adding that when a voltage difference is applied to the solution on either side of the wafer, ions travel through the nanopores in a process called electrophoresis.

According to the study, the motion of the ions can be monitored by the current they generate, and when a viral particle enters a nanopore, it blocks some of the ions from passing through, leading to a transient dip in current.

Each dip reflects the physical properties of the particle, such as volume, surface charge, and shape, the scientists said.

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Ashish Jain, a seasoned industry veteran with oodles of experience in managing free zone activity in the Middle East.

The UAE's myriad free zones are ideal to start any type of business activity as they offer investors a window to doing business with the world. Ajman Free Zone (AFZ) is a paradise for entrepreneurs and business start-ups from around the world as it offers an entire spectrum of customised business solutions for all its stakeholders.

Today, Ajman has evolved into one of the most in-demand business hubs in The UAE. Moreover, the free zone in Ajman is gradually becoming more futuristic and is investing billions to diversify its assortment of sectors including artificial intelligence, nanotechnology, health, retail, and education respectively. Strategically centralised location; low cost of living; excellent business environment; the reasonable cost of office rent and plots of land; and contemporary infrastructure are just some of the virtues that make it a preferred hub for investors. At present, the AFZ has over 250 industrial companies, which amount to 20% of all industrial companies in UAE. The export of goods takes place to 65 countries worldwide.

Indian companies seeking to establish their branch or a new business in Ajman can get in touch with AFZA International Pvt Ltd., the official arm of Ajman Free Zone. AFZA International's India office is headed by Ashish Jain. a seasoned industry veteran with oodles of experience in managing free zone activity in the Middle East. Since the last 12 years, he has been helping Indian investors in establishing their companies in free zones in the UAE, besides locating the premises, hiring qualified staff, and providing legal assistance. To summate, Ashish specialises in guiding Indian entrepreneurs and businesses through every step of company formation in the UAE.

Anyone interested in further information on the subject can contact AFZA International's offices in Mumbai (022-49211555) or New Delhi (011-40195111), or email: *ashish.jain@afzaintl.com*.

Serotonin in brain promotes patience: Study

Research shows how rodents waited for a food reward when hormones were triggered

RESEARCH

TOKYO: Researchers have identified specific areas of the brain that individually promote patience through the action of serotonin, a chemical that the body produces.

The research, published in the journal *Science Advances*, gains significance in view of the fact that learning to suppress the impulse for instant gratification is often vital for future success, but how patience is regulated in the brain remains poorly understood.

"Serotonin is one of the most famous neuromodulators of behaviour, helping to regulate mood, sleep-wake cycles and appetite," said study co-author Katsuhiko Miyazaki from Okinawa Institute of Science and Technology Graduate University in Japan. The study on mice showed that serotonin-releasing neurons from dorsal raphe nucleus (DRN) penetrate many other areas of the brain, including the nucleus accumbens (NAc), orbitofrontal cortex (OFC) and medial prefrontal cortex (mPFC).

"Our research shows that release of this chemical messenger also plays a crucial role in promoting patience, increasing the time that mice are willing to wait for a food reward." The study draws heavily on previous research, where the unit used a powerful technique called optogenetics — using light to stimulate specific neurons in the brain — to establish a causal link between serotonin and patience.

In the previous study, the scientists focused on an area of the brain called the dorsal raphe nucleus — the central hub of serotonin-releasing neurons. Neurons from the dorsal raphe nucleus reach out into other areas of the forebrain and in their most recent study, the scientists explored specifically which of these other brain areas contributed to regulating patience.

Researchers found that serotonin stimulation in the orbitofrontal cortex is nearly as effective as that in the dorsal raphe nucleus for promoting waiting, while in the nucleus accumbens, it does not promote waiting. They also found that serotonin stimulation in the medial prefrontal cortex promotes waiting only when the timing of future rewards is uncertain.

"These results suggest that serotonin in the mPFC affects evaluation of time committed, while serotonin in the OFC is responsible for overall valuation of delayed rewards," the researchers wrote. Ultimately, increasing our knowledge of how different areas of the brain are more or less affected by serotonin could have vital implications in future development of drugs.

For example, selective serotonin reuptake inhibitors (SSRIs) are drugs that boost levels of serotonin in the brain and are used to treat depression.

Galaxy survives black hole's feast

SPACE

WASHINGTON: Researchers have discovered a galaxy that has been managing to survive a black hole's hunger by continuing to birth new stars, about 100 Sun-sized stars a year. The discovery from NASA's telescope on an airplane, the Stratospheric Observatory for Infrared Astronomy (SOFIA), can help explain how massive galaxies came to be, even though the universe today is dominated by galaxies that no longer form stars, according to the study published in the *Astrophysical Journal*. "This shows us that the growth of active black holes doesn't stop star birth instantaneously, which goes against all the current scientific predictions," said study co-author Allison Kirkpatrick, Assistant Professor at the University of Kansas. "It's causing us to re-think our theories on how galaxies evolve."

SOFIA, a joint project of NASA and the German Aerospace Center, DLR, studied an extremely distant galaxy, located more than 5.25 billion light years away called CQ4479. At its core is a special type of quasar that was recently discovered by Kirkpatrick called a "cold quasar." In this kind of quasar, the active black hole is still feasting on material from its host galaxy, but the quasar's intense energy has not ravaged all of the cold gas, so stars can keep forming and the galaxy lives on. This is the first time researchers have a detailed look at a cold quasar, directly measuring the black hole's growth, star birth rate, and how much cold gas remains to fuel the galaxy.

2021's insect of the year

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The Danish Mayfly was selected Friday by an international group of entomologists and others as the Insect of the Year for 2021, but it won't have long to celebrate its 15 minutes of fame. The insect, whose scientific name is Ephemera danica, only has a few days to fly, mate and lay new eggs. Mayflies have existed for about 355 million years and today some 140 species live in Central Europe. Despite their fleeting time on Earth in their final form, their developmental cycle is quite long. Female mayflies zigzag over water between May and September, laying thousands of eggs that then sink. Larvae hatch within a few days, and eventually develop gills, taking one to three years to develop.

Buck-toothed ancient toucan

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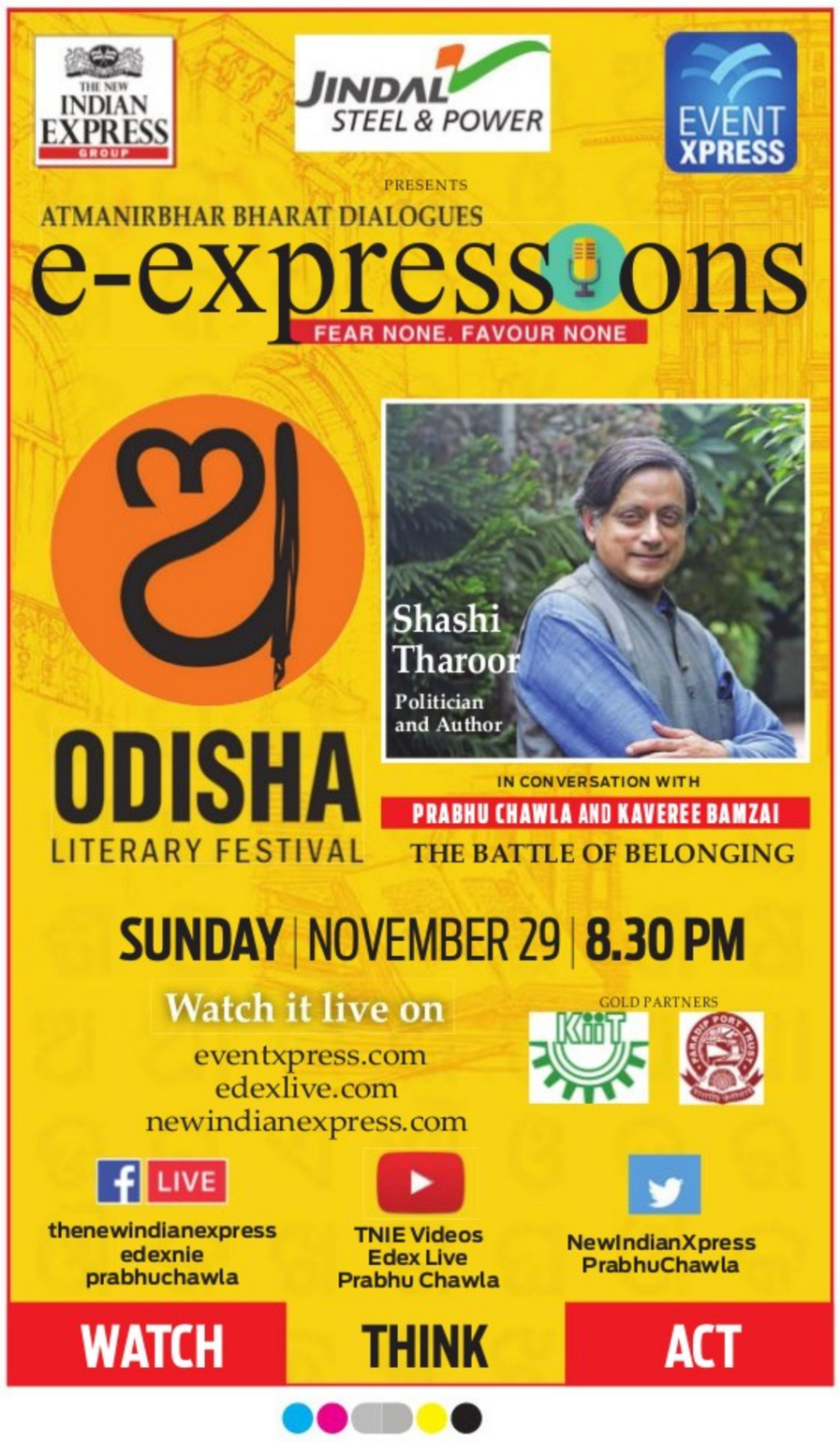
The discovery of a creature described as resembling a "buck-toothed toucan" that lived some 68 million years ago has upended assumptions about diversity in the birds that lived alongside dinosaurs. At less than nine centimetres long, the delicate skull of the bird scientists have dubbed Falcatakely forsterae might be easily overlooked. In fact, it almost was, sitting in a backlog of excavated fossils for years before CT scanning suggested the specimen deserved more attention. The fossil was originally collected in 2010 in northwestern Madagascar. It turns out that its tall, scythe-like beak, while resembling the toucan, is something never before seen in the fossil record.